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AUXILIARY TO THE G. A. R., DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA.

TUESDAY - MORNING SESSION.

The Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Indiana, met in Masonic Temple, Indianapolis, Indiana, Tuesday, May 13, 1902. The Convention was called to order by the Department President, Mary E. Swain, at 9:45 o'clock. The Department Secretary reported a quorum present, and the Convention ready for the transaction of business.

The Department President announced the following appointments of Convention officers:

COLOR BEARERS.

Anna Larsh	. Corps No.	45 Richmond
Elvira Barber	Corps No.	201 Arcadia
Ricy Cartwright	Corps No.	212 Mt. Vernon
Flora Harvey	. Corps No.	30 Logansport

CONDUCTORS.

CHIEF CONDUCTOR.

Clara M. Hess Corps	No. 130	Westville
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A	C	C	TC	T	A	N	T	S.	

Mattie Beidler Corps No. 27 Waterloo Ella Hopkins Corps No. 39 Rensselaer Lydia Swift Corps No. 10 Indianapolis	Ida Poinier	-		. Corps	No. 142 Lafayett
Lydia Swift Corps No. 10 Indianapolis	Ella Hopkins .			. Corps	No. 39 Rensselae
	Lydia Swift			. Corps	No. 10 Indianapoli

GUARDS.

CHIEF GUARD. Helen M. Thompson . . . Corps No. 196 Indianapolis

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Lillian Kelly .		. Corps	No.	10	3	00			Indianapolis
Lizzie V. Spahr		. Corps	No.	20			٠		Indianapolis
Jennie Crane		. Corps	No.	40					Indianapolis
Una Daugherty		. Corps	No.	43 .					Indianapolis
Mabel Teague.		. Corps	No.	44					Indianapolis
Rosie Turner .		. Corps	No.	118					Indianapolis
Laura Swanger		Corne	No	168					Indiananolis

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

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Sarah C. White Corps No. 184. Rockville

STENOGRAPHER.

May Fessler Corps No. 44 Indianapolis

COMMITTEES.

ON COURTESIES -

Laura Hess, Corps No. 8, Wabash. Mary McCorkle Sims, Corps No. 84, Frankfort. Flora Smith, Corps No. 36, Bremen. Belle W. Ephlin, Corps No. 107, Tangier.

ON CREDENTIALS-

Kate Scott, Corps No. 45, Richmond. Ella Nye, Corps No. 60, Liberty. Leora Teetor, Corps No. 134, Hagerstown.

On President's Address -

Mary D. Travis, Corps No. 74, Crawfordsville. Mary J. Hadley, Corps No. 112, Danville. Winona Crisler, Corps No. 113, Greensburg.

- On Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents' Reports —
 Agnes Hitt, Corps No. 20, Indianapolis.
 Laura S. Burr, Corps No. 70, Anderson.
 Mary Mennett, Corps No. 199, Columbus.
- ON SECRETARY'S AND TREASURER'S REPORTS —
 Josephine K. Thomas, Corps No. 112, Danville.
 Blanch Gould, Corps No. 74, Crawfordsville.
 Eliza J. Crisler, Corps No. 113, Greensburg.
- On Chaplain's Report —

 Lydia Cook, Corps No. 70, Anderson.

 Mary Marquess, Corps No. 191, Lafayette.

 Meribah C. Walker, Corps No. 222, Clinton.
- On Inspector's Report —

 Jennie Meyerhoff, Corps No. 118, Evansville.

 Maria Schlater, Corps No. 30, Logansport.

 Agnes Smith, Corps No. 84, Frankfort.
- On Counselor's Report —
 Anna Larsh, Corps No. 45, Richmond.
 Belle Bell, Corps No. 94, Kokomo.
 Adelia Henley, Corps No. 8, Wabash.
- ON INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICER'S REPORT—
 Ella D. Zinn, Corps No. 20, Indianapolis.
 Sue W. Hart, Corps No. 5, Elkhart.
 Clara Brazelton, Corps No. 31, Princeton.

On Resolutions —

Julia S. Conklin, Corps No. 71, Westfield. Sarah C. White, Corps, No. 184, Rockville. Loretta J. Gorsuch, Corps No. 1, South Bend. On Tellers — Chairman —
Nettie E. Ransford, Corps No. 44, Indianapolis.

On Patriotic Instruction —
Alice Pike, Corps No. 112, Danville.
Lizzie M. Brown, Corps No. 30, Logansport.
Etta Hauk, Corps No. 195, Scottsburg.

The Senior Vice-President was called to the chair, and the Department President read her annual address.

Address of Department President.

Officers and Members of the Nineteenth Annual Convention, Department of Indiana, Woman's Relief Corps:

Only one short year ago this Convention unanimously conferred upon me this, the highest office within its power. I at once realized the responsibilities attending the position of trust, and promised the Convention to carry on the work as ably and conscientiously as lay within my power. This I have done.

Like all my predecessors, I have been called upon to adjust unforeseen difficulties, and render judgment upon points of unexpected dispute. In doing this, I have no doubt made mistakes; but whatever of my administration has been a mistake, has come through lack of correct interpretation and perfect understanding, and not through motive or intention, which I can assure you have been true and sincere. To be placed at the head of this noble order of women, is an honor bestowed but once in a lifetime, and I have endeavored, by the faithful and conscientious discharge of my duty, to merit the gift.

To-day I present to you a recapitulation of my year's work, and indulge the hope that in rendering judgment, you will temper justice with mercy.

THE WORK OF THE YEAR.

The carefully prepared reports of our Department officers and various committees will give to the Convention a correct estimate of the progress made in the different lines of our work during the year.

There have been sent out from the Headquarters: ten general orders, four circular letters, one memorial order, two rosters, 68 special orders and dispensations. I have visited 29 Corps, five of which asked my personal assistance; instituted one Corps; installed the officers of one Corps; inspected six Corps; made two official visits to Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, Knightstown, and one visit to the State Soldiers' Home at Lafayette, and attended four District Conventions. To accomplish this work, I have traveled over three thousand miles. I was everywhere most cordially received, and believe these personal visits to the local Corps throughout the State have been the means of promoting greater interest, therefore greater good in our work. I began making a note of all letters written, but the correspondence became so heavy I found this to be impossible. However,

I have tried to answer all letters promptly and carefully. I consider this to be an *important* branch of the work, the results of which have proven very satisfactory. The prompt decisions and superior judgment of the Department Counselor have been a most valuable assistance in questions of discipline, and as a means of preserving law and order.

CONDITION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

On the 31st day of March, 1901, there were enrolled 181 Corps. Four new Corps have been instituted during the year, while seven have been canceled, making a loss of three Corps to the Department within the year.

On March 31, 1901, the Department enrolled 6,751 members in good standing. March 31, 1902, showed 6,895. Since then the Department has gained ten members, making a net gain of 156 during the year, total 6,905. Corps deserve special commendation for their promptness in sending in Quarterly reports. Three Corps only are reported delinquent. From these three we have been unable to receive a response during the year. Since these figures show an increased membership in the Department, we have no reason to feel discouraged with the year's work. Everything is in readiness for instituting a new Corps at Rome City, and the initial steps have been taken for the organization of three other Corps in the State.

Four out of the seven Corps canceled from the Roster were lost before this administration began, but were numbered in the 181 reported to us. No. 213, Kendalville, disbanded October, 1900. No. 205, Fontanet, held no meetings after October, 1900. No. 167, Knox, disbanded March 9, 1901. No. 209, New Haven, disbanded May 11, 1901. The three disbanded during this current year are: No. 108, Sharpsville, August 3, 1901; No. 127, Clarkshill, November 8, 1901; No. 47, Wheeling, December 26, 1901. Two Corps have been unable to pay per capita tax or keep up expenses during the year, but have requested to be permitted to hold their charters, in the hope that they may gain strength and be able to continue their work.

FINANCES.

The financial condition of the Department has been the all engrossing subject of consideration with the Department officers. Had we realized the force of our predecessor's warning, I am sure we should have felt in the beginning wholly unequal to the emergency. We have not accomplished as much for the year in the way of finances as we had hoped, and yet we are able to report some successes. Economy has been our watchword. To-day the Department of Indiana has no debts. Through the several donations from Corps and an earnest individual effort, the amount of \$188.79, due the Christmas Fund, has been raised and replaced. The General Fund has been sufficient to meet all demands, with a surplus of something over \$100.00 left in treasury. In reviewing the work of the Department, I think some items of expense may be eliminated. In the first place, each issue of General Orders cost the Department about \$15.00. In taking a

survey of the work for the year, a Department President may be able to present to local Corps all necessary instruction through six issues at most. I feel that in this one item I have possibly made a mistake that my successor may profit by, thereby saving the Department several dollars.

The fact has been illustrated that \$100.00 is a sufficient sum to meet all necessary expenses of Department President, in carrying forth her work. It is true that this limited amount has not been sufficient to make it possible to answer in person all requests, but those of special importance have been given personal attention, while others have been answered in a very satisfactory way through correspondence.

INSPECTION.

The plan of inspection, as decided upon by the eighteenth Department Convention, has proven to be, in the main, very unsatisfactory. Its complexity has extended the work throughout almost the entire year. The Department Inspector began to formulate the work in June, and the year closes with the Department officers still collecting the apportionment from the local Corps, in order to reimburse Assistant Inspectors. The one gratifying feature is the fact that, by repeated effort, the Department Treasurer has been able to collect all amounts, with the exception of a few cents, thereby saving the Department any expense connected therewith. The work should be simplified ere another inspection takes place. Whatever of success has accompanied the present method, has been attained through the able and untiring efforts of the Department Inspector. Inspection holds an important place in our work. It is productive of much good, and should be made a work of much thoroughness.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' ORPHANS' HOME.

I take especial pleasure in mentioning this noble institution, where more than six hundred children dwell together as brothers and sisters of one great, happy family. The efficient management and influence for good under the supervision of Prof. Graham and wife, can not be estimated. The intellectual, industrial, religious and moral development of each individual child is carefully trained and guarded, fitting him to become self-supporting upon leaving the institution. The Visiting Committee merit all praise for the thoughtful and conscientious manner in which their work was executed. Their labor was crowned with success, as was evidenced in the gladness and pleasure of the children on Christmas Day. The amount contributed to this fund by the Corps was \$214.74; from the G. A. R. Posts, \$7.00; making a total of \$221.74.

A detailed report of work done, money expended, etc., will be correctly given the Convention through the Visiting Committee.

RELIEF.

The amount of money expended	by local	Corps durin	g the	year
for relief, is				\$2,406 01
Relief other than money				3,328 66
Making a total for relief of				\$5,734 67
Turned over to Posts		ors, multi-		\$1,781 08

The Department has done no especial relief work during the year. Many Posts are being disbanded yearly for lack of funds to keep up necessary expense. Old Comrades can no longer pay dues, and one by one they drop out of their Order. In many places Corps hold sufficient General Funds to aid them in this direction, and I am sure such assistance would be in accord with the purpose of our Order. Where such work would be consistent and appreciated, Corps would do well to offer assistance.

SONS OF VETERANS.

This organization is one which should meet with our most sincere and earnest encouragement. "Memorial University," at Mason City, Iowa, is a noble monument to them. It is a National Educational Institution, being built through the efforts of these noble boys, assisted by other patriotic societies and loyal people of the Republic. They hope to open some of the departments to students in September. "Barton Hall," a school for girls, connected with the University, is named in honor of Clara Barton. We hope the time may come when the Department of Indiana, W. R. C., may contribute at least some creditable amount toward the support of this worthy institution.

STATE SOLDIERS' HOME.

It was my pleasure to pay one visit to this Home. I was conducted through all the departments, and noted the management in all of its different phases. I believe the Home is conducted upon the best principles possible, and the thoughtfulness and kindness of Mrs. Ingersoll, as Matron, deserve special mention.

The response by the Corps to the request for fruit was magnanimous, for which I again desire to thank you.

We realize that the completeness of these institutions is reached step by step, and sometimes slowly, but the one essential demand in this Home now seems to be a Hall for the widows. We hope the time is not far distant when this comfort may be provided.

ELIGIBILITY.

A mistaken impression seems to exist in some localities as to what constitutes eligibility to our Order. This arises from neglect to read carefully "Rules and Regulations." Some Relief Corps women seem to believe that

our membership is or should be limited to those women who are in some way related to the soldier, but our bounds are broader than this. Every good woman, who is loyal and patriotic, is eligible to membership or to hold any office of which she is capable, in our Order.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION.

This branch of the work has pointed towards its zenith of perfection during the past administration. The sincere and noble work of Eliza J. Crisler during the year, has left an impress with the children which is sure to continue on and on, reaching its goal only in true and patriotic citizenship.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

We still regard these Conventions as productive of great good. The fact that they are within the reach of a greater body of our women, renders them of more universal benefit. The careful report of the Senior Vice-President will give a correct estimate of this work. These Conventions, in order to meet their best aim, should be conducted from an economical and purely business stand-point. We believe that they are assuming too great proportions to be entertained by any one Corps, and that each attending member should provide her own meals, unless the entertaining Corps especially desire to entertain.

NATIONAL CONVENTION.

This Convention was held at Cleveland in September, 1901. The Department of Indiana sent to this Convention a creditable and interested delegation of representatives, consisting of six Past Presidents, ten delegates, and three Department officers. These representatives were in their places ready for any duty, throughout the Convention, thereby manifesting their interest in the National work of the Order. The expenses connected with the Convention have been a matter of regret to me. Some unjust claims were made upon the Department, which could only be settled by paying an additional amount of \$28.00 over and above the written contract price. We hope to have made such arrangements for the coming Convention, to be held in Washington, as to save to the Department all possible expense, and at the same time furnish to the succeeding officers creditable and comfortable accommodations.

MEMORIAL DAY.

This, the most hallowed observance within the dominion of the Woman's Relief Corps, was most fittingly celebrated all over the State. A deeper and more reverent interest in this beautiful service is felt from year to year, as the report of the Department Chaplain will show. This beautiful custom has been an impressive means of educating hundreds of children in lessons of patriotism and reverence, which will be perpetuated throughout time.

MEMORIAM.

It has been the will of our Divine Father to call from among us many of our beloved sisters. Among the number we especially mourn our Past Senior Vice-Presidents, Thesta Alice Ross and Gertrude L. Mitchell. Many of us have lost in these two women, personal friends, and the Department has lost worthy examples of loyalty and virtue. But while they are only lost to sight, they have left with us the cherished memory of a hallowed influence and a noble type of womanhood worthy of exemplification.

"To live in hearts we leave behind, Is not to die."

This Department tenders its loving and sincere sympathy to the Corps and friends thus bereft.

DEPARTMENT JOURNALS.

In compliance with instructions of the eighteenth annual Convention, the Journals of the Department and the National have been bound—two copies of each. One copy of each is kept on file at Department Headquarters, while the other two volumes were sent to G. A. R. Headquarters.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

As your representative, I have received courtesies and every considerate attention from the Department Commander, Milton Garrigus, and more especially from R. M. Smock, as well as Grand Army men everywhere throughout the State. The Department was visited by G. W. Krietenstein, Division Commander of the Indiana Sons of Veterans, who tendered his personal interest in our work, assuring us that they were our loyal friends.

To all associate officers, as well as Past Department Presidents and members of Corps everywhere, who have so readily responded to every

call, I wish to express my most sincere appreciation.

The Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents and Chaplain have shown an ever ready spirit and a true interest in the success of this administration.

The Counselor has been a valuable co-worker, and has done much for our cause, through her thoughtfulness and wise judgment.

The Auditing Committee have been thorough and conscientious in their work. To all of these officers, words fail in expressing what is due them.

I feel that to my Secretary and Treasurer I owe an especial expression of thanks for their faithful and untiring discharge of every duty. I felt at the beginning that I had made no mistake, and am now confident that I did not.

Lastly, I most earnestly extend to every woman of the W. R. C. my thankfulness for their loyalty and faith. Many happy memories of this year's work will go with me throughout time.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Inasmuch as the year has exemplified that the Department President can, from an economical stand-point, carry on the work of the Department on an allowance of \$100.00 for expenses, I respectfully recommend:

1. That the President's expense account be limited to \$100.00, exclusive of National and Department Convention expenses.

2. That the President's testimonial be limited to \$60.00, beginning with this, the closing administration.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. SWAIN,

Department President.

After reading of the address, same was submitted to the proper committee, and the Department President resumed her chair.

Upon instruction of the Department President, the Chief Conductor escorted to the platform Mrs. Sarah D. Winans, Past Department President of Ohio, and she was introduced to the Convention.

The Department Senior Vice-President then read her report, and submitted it to the committee.

Report of Department Senior Vice-President.

LOGANSPORT, IND., May 6, 1902.

Kate Scott, Department Secretary W. R. C.

Dear Madam — In compliance with the rules of our Order, I herewith submit my report as Department Senior Vice-President.

I gratefully acknowledge the honor conferred upon me by the eighteenth Department Convention, assembled in the "City of Bridges," one year ago. It was my privilege to attend but one District Convention, and consider it a personal loss not to have attended the others. My sincere thanks are due for many kind invitations received to attend the District Conventions, but was unable to accept.

DISTRICT No. 1.

The Convention was held in Princeton, October 17, 1901. Rose Stratman, of Huntingburg, President. Seven Corps in the District—six were represented. Thirty-two voting members were present, and fifty-one members. Report of National delegate was full of interest. Jennie Myerhoff, of Evansville, District Inspector, inspected the work of the entertaining Corps. Next Convention will be held at Petersburg.

Officers Elect — President, Clara Brazelton, of Princeton; Vice-President, Mary Brinkman, of Mt. Vernon; Julia Duncan, Princeton, was appointed Secretary.

DISTRICT No. 2.

The Convention was held in Bloomington, October 18, 1901. Lola M. Rose, President. Ten Corps in the District, six represented. National Delegate Henrietta E. Perry gave an interesting report of National Convention. Camp-fire held in evening. Next Convention will be held at Shoals.

Officers Elect — President, Belle Allen, of Bloomington; Vice-President, Ida Helms, of Bedford; Secretary (appointed), Emma Passel, of Shoals.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Convention was held in Jeffersonville, October 15, 1901. Owing to illness of Flora N. Berkey, President, S. V. P. Charlotte Jones had charge of the meeting. Eight Corps in District, five represented. Report from Na-

tional Convention presented by Sallie Schray. Mrs. Eastman, Department President, and Mrs. Marsh, Department Secretary, of Kentucky, were present, with a number of visitors from Louisville W. R. C. Lola Calvert, District Inspector, inspected the ritualistic work. Camp-fire in evening. Altogether, a very successful Convention. About one hundred present. Place of next meeting, Little York.

Officers Elect—President, Nannie Bowman, Jeffersonville; Vice-President, Etta Hershberg, Scottsburg; Secretary (appointed), Martha Nichols,

Little York.

DISTRICT No. 4.

The Convention was held in Columbus, November 5, 1901, forty-five in attendance. Margaret Glenn, the District President, being ill, Mary E. Swain, Department President, presided. No written report being presented by National delegate, Mrs. Swain gave a verbal report, which was greatly appreciated. The work of entertaining Corps was inspected by Eliza J. Crisler, District Inspector. Place of next meeting not selected.

Officers Elect — President, Mary Mennet, of Columbus; Vice-President, Anna Truelock, of Aurora; Secretary (appointed), Ida Shuman, Columbus.

DISTRICT No. 5.

The Convention was held in Terre Haute, October 29, 1901. Lizzie Strattan, President; Bettie Hardesty, Secretary. Every Corps in District represented, and all reports encouraging. Mary E. Swain, Department President, was present. An excellent report of National Convention was given by Martha Little, of Greencastle, National delegate. District Inspector Belle W. Ephlin inspected the work of W. R. C. No. 11, the entertaining Corps. Place of next meeting, with John P. Baird W. R. C. No. 133, Terre Haute.

Officers Elect — President, Sarah C. White, Rockville; Vice-President, Nancy Hines, Terre Haute.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Convention met in Rushville, September 25, 1901. President Lou S. Havens, Rushville; Secretary, Allie Aldridge, Rushville. Fifty delegates and many visitors were present. The reports from Corps in the District were both interesting and instructive. The Ritualistic work was exemplified by the entertaining Corps, No. 68, in a very creditable manner; inspected by District Inspector Kate Scott, Richmond. A committee appointed to formulate some plan by which the necessary funds may be raised in the District for the purpose of building a cottage at Lafayette. Bertha Strickler, Middletown, was made chairman of the above committee. Next meeting to be held in Connersville.

Officers Elect — President, Kate Johnson, Liberty; Vice-President, Kate Freele, Knightstown; Ella Nye, Liberty, appointed Secretary.

DISTRICT No. 7.

The Convention was held in Indianapolis, October 8, 1901. Marion French, President, and Romaine Armstrong, Secretary. Delegates and visitors present, over two hundred. The National delegate, Ella D. Zinn, read a fine report of the National Couvention. An enjoyable camp-fire held in evening. Place of next meeting, Pierson's Hall, Indianapolis.

Officers Elect — President, Helen Thompson, No. 805 Division St., West Indianapolis; Vice-President, Romaine Armstrong, No. 1734 Ashland Ave.; Secretary (appointed), Nellie Deakin, Harding St., Indianapolis.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Convention held in Farmland, October 9, 1901. Maude Howard, President. All Corps in the District represented, and reports showed an increase in membership and charitable work. About two hundred delegates and visitors present. Laura S. Burr, Past Department President, was present and inspected Corps No. 137, also talked interestingly. National Delegate Sarah Adair, of Elwood, gave a pleasing report of the National Convention. Camp-fire was held in the evening. Next meeting to be held in Muncie.

Officers Elect — President, Eliza Mulvaney, Farmland; Vice-President, Jennie McLaughlin, Muncie.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Convention met in Frankfort, October 24, 1901. Emma McCord, President; Anna Tucker, Vice-President, and Laura M. Little, Secretary. Seventeen Corps in District, and thirteen represented. All reported increased interest. The work was exemplified by Stone River W. R. C. No. 84, inspected by Melissa Caylor. Lavinia Young, National delegate, gave an excellent report of the National Convention. Department President Mary E. Swain was present, also Past Department Presidents Mary McCorkle Sims, Mary D. Travis and Melissa Caylor. Camp-fire was held in evening. Next place of meeting, Lebanon.

Officers Elect—President, Blanche Gould, Crawfordsville; Vice-President, Anna Tucker, Noblesville.

DISTRICT No. 10.

The Convention was held in Lafayette, November 26, 1901, Viola Thornton, of Rensselaer, presiding; Cora Hopkins, Secretary. Mary E. Swain, Department President, was present, and helped with her counsel and interest to make a pleasant meeting. Place of next meeting, Boswell.

Officers Elect — President, Belle Jenkins, Delphi; Vice-President, Mary Martin, Boswell; Secretary (appointed), Lucie Montman, Delphi.

DISTRICT No. 11.

The Convention was held in Huntington, October 31, 1901. Jean M. Ward, of Warsaw, President; Eliza Ricker, Secretary. Forty-eight delegates responded to roll call. Report of National Convention given by Department Senior Vice-President, Lizzie W. Brown. The work of the Ritual was exemplified by the Huntington W. R. C., and was inspected by Anna Twells, District Inspector. Department Junior Vice-President, Laura Lower, was present; also, Past Department President, Laura Hess. Campfire was held in evening. Place of next meeting, Warsaw.

Officers Elect — President, Abbie Gibson, Huntington; Vice-President, Ellen Wasmuth, Roanoke; Secretary (appointed), Sarah Whitacre, Huntington.

DISTRICT No. 12.

The Convention was held in Elkhart, October 2, 1901. President, Mollie Mott; Secretary, Sue W. Hart. There were sixty-one delegates and 100 members present. Twenty-two Corps in District, and eighteen represented. Shiloh Field, W. R. C., No. 5, exemplified the work of the Ritual. Loretta J. Gorsuch, Past Department President, and Julia A. Smith, Past Department Inspector, were present. Place of next meeting, Ft. Wayne.

Officers Elect — President, Lucie A. Kintz, Ft. Wayne; Vice-President, Mary E. M. Uline, Nappanee; Secretary, Mattie Etts, 87 John St., Ft. Wayne.

DISTRICT No. 13.

The Convention was held in Hammond, October 10, 1901. President, Martha M. Smith; Secretary, Mary Conner. Department Inspector, Clara M. Hess, was present, and inspected the exemplification of the Ritual by entertaining Corps. Reports were read from twelve Corps, and, with one exception, all reported in a prosperous condition. Emma R. Wallace, Past National President, and several visitors from Chicago, were present, among them Julia Sine, First Department President, of Illinois. Place of next meeting, South Bend.

Officers Elect—President, Flora Mashino, Hammond; Vice-President, Emma Fink, South Bend; Secretary, Ella Marquet, Bremen.

I would emphasize the suggestion made by predecessors, that as much care be exercised in the selection of a Senior Vice-President as in that of President. Do not allow a matter of courtesy to overshadow your better judgment, that the work may increase in interest and good to the Order.

The labor and expense of the Senior Vice-President would be lessened if District Presidents would remember that immediately after Convention, the Secretary send to the Senior Vice-President a report of the Convention, and to Department Secretary only the names and addresses of newly elected officers, and place of next meeting.

RECOMMENDATION.

For two years past there has been dissatisfaction in regard to the way the Districts are divided, therefore I would recommend that the dissatisfied Districts report to a committee of three, of which the Department President shall be one, to adjust the matter of re-districting these Districts.

Pledging loyal devotion to our Order in the future as in the past, this report is

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

LIZZIE W. BROWN,

Dept. Sr. Vice-President.

Mrs. Ella D. Zinn, in behalf of the Corps of Indianapolis, presented to the Department President a beautiful vase of carnations, which was accepted with graceful words of thanks.

The chairman of the Committee on Credentials submitted the following report:

Number of	Corps represented														131
	Credentials filed.														
Number of	delegates present	en	tit	tled	l t	0	vot	е	-						391

The roll of the Department officers was then called by the Department Secretary.

The Past Department Presidents were escorted to the platform and introduced to the Convention by the Department President, as follows:

Department President: Ladies of the Department of Indiana, you have before you the representatives of the Department for the past eighteen years. These we consider the flower of the flock. I want each and every one of you to aspire to fill this office. I take pleasure in introducing to you our Past Department Presidents. Ladies, salute.

In the absence of the Junior Vice-President, the report of the Department Chaplain was read and referred to the proper committee.

Report of Department Chaplain.

CICERO, IND., April 8, 1902.

Kate Scott, Department Secretary:

In accordance with Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit to 'you the following consolidated report from Corps Chaplains of this Department:

Name to the Control of
Number of Corps
Number of Corps reported
Membership reported
Number of members attending Memorial services 3,414
Number of Corps attending Memorial services
Number of soldiers' graves decorated
Number of children taking part
Expense incurred
Corps furnishing refreshments
Number furnishing flowers
Number of Corps preparing flowers for unknown dead 124
Amount of money sent South \$41 00
Corps reporting money sent South:
integer records in the record
Joseph Bowen, No. 193, North Liberty 50
Kosciusko, No. 163, Warsaw
Williams, No. 119, Muncie
Martin, No. 11, Terre Haute
Samuel Ried, No. 160, Salem
Leslie, No. 115, Seeleysville
Marsh B. Taylor, No. 142, Lafayette
"Pap" Thomas, No. 113, Greensburg
Stephen Bailey, No. 77, Portland
Archer, No. 31, Princeton 1 (0
Blinn, No. 144, Prairieton
Major May, No. 70, Anderson 2 00
Shiloh Field, No. 5, Elkhart
Jacob Stahl, No. 124, Hartford City
Silvers, No. 234, New Lebanon
Auten, No. 14, South Bend
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Ben North, No. 89, Rising Sun		•	•		•			\$ 1	0	0
Cambridge City, No. 151, Cambridge City.								1	1 0	0
Worden, No. 149, Albion								2	2 0	0
Jesse S. Ogden, No. 112, Danville								1	1.0	0
Frank Neff, No. 155, Sullivan									5	60
Beeson, No. 128, Fairmount									5	60
Patton, No. 16, Laporte							1	1	1 0	00
William Cuppy, No. 173, South Whitley .								1	1 0	00
Fahler, No. 81, Star City								1	1 0	00
McPherson, No. 74, Crawfordsville								1	1 (00
John F. Ruckle, No. 40, Indianapolis								18	1 (00
General Canby, No. 3, Brazil								4	1 0	00
George W. Chapman, No. 10, Indianapolis								NU	1 0	00
Simonson, No. 236, Churubusco									2 (00
Logansport, No. 30, Logansport									1 (00
T. J. Harrison, No. 94, Kokomo									1 (00
Stone River, No. 84, Frankfort								:	2 (00
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The past year has been one of pleasure to me as Department Chaplain, for such glowing reports came to me from all over this Department, from Corps Chaplains, that Memorial Day was observed with more solemnity and feeling than ever before. I feel glad to note that the citizens and the community as a whole, now realize that if Memorial Day is to be observed, it must soon be done by other hands than the soldiers themselves, and are participating in the sacred ceremonies of depositing flowers over the graves of our fallen heroes. Let us rejoice that this is so.

While the destroying angel has been abroad in the land and has thinned our ranks, yet the number of deaths in our Department has been comparatively light; but the Grand Army and this Department, as well as the nation, has been called upon to shed the mourning tear over the bier of one of the grandest and noblest of comrades, William McKinley, President of the United States, who fell by the bullet of a cowardly assassin, and his spirit has gone to form and join the noble trio of martyred Presidents—Lincoln, Garfield, and McKinley.

Permit me, ladies of this Department, to thank you for your confidence in conferring upon me so great an honor.

Submitted in F., C. and L.,

EMMA C. FISHER,

Department Chaplain.

Inasmuch as the reports of Secretary and Treasurer were printed and distributed, they were referred to the proper committee without reading.

Report of Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT INDIANA, W. R. C.

Mary E. Swain, Department President:

As required by Rules and Regulations of the Woman's Relief Corps, I take pleasure in presenting to you, and the Nineteenth Annual Convention, the following report of the condition and membership of the Order for the year beginning May 16, 1901, and ending May 14, 1902:

Upon assuming the duties of the office, I found enrolled 181 Corps, with a membership of 6,751.

CORPS ORGANIZED.

During the year the Department has gained four Corps:

No. 241, William Johnson, Little York, May 22, 1901.

No. 242, General Lyon, Otwell, October 10, 1901.

No. 243, Gordon Tanner, Brownstown, November 6, 1901.

No. 244, King David, Mt. Vernon, May, 1902.

A duplicate charter was issued to William Johnson, No. 241, the original charter being mutilated.

CORPS DISBANDED.

Seven Corps have disbanded and surrendered their charters, two of these Corps having disbanded in 1900, but had failed to send in their supplies until this year. Six were delinquent at time of disbanding. All came to us in a feeble condition, and after many letters of encouragement had been written, we found it impossible to hold them any longer. Part of the supplies returned from one disbanded Corps were sent to Beeson, No. 128, who had lost nearly all their supplies by fire.

DISBANDED CORPS,

No. 205, Nevins, Fontanet, October, 1900.

No. 213, Nelson, Kendallville, October, 1900.

No. 167, William Landon, Knox, March 9, 1901.

No. 209, Jessie Adams, New Haven, May 11, 1901.

No. 108, Put Evans, Sharpsville, August 3, 1901.

No. 127, George Wright, Clark's Hill, November 8, 1901.

No. 47, Capt. William Lewis, Wheeling, December 26, 1901.

Not one report has been received during this administration from Corps No. 38, Jeffersonville; No. 129, Stockwell, and No. 150, Flora. Quite a number of letters have been sent to each Corps, urging them to send in reports, but so far have failed to receive a reply.

Quarterly Reports show the numb standing as follows:	per of Corps and membership in good
standing as follows.	Corps. Membership
Second quarter, June 30, 1901	181 6,482
Third quarter, September 30, 1901	
Fourth quarter, December 31, 1901	178 6,665
First quarter, March 31, 1902	6,895
GAINS	LOSSES
By Initiation, Transfer, Reinstatement and Charter.	By Death, Honorable Discharge, Suspension and Delinquent Reports.
Second quarter 458	Second quarter 673
Third quarter 296	Third quarter 414
Fourth quarter 683	Fourth quarter 382

Total . . . 1,800 To the above membership we add the membership of one Corps not reported March 31, and it gives the Department a total of 178 Corps, and the membership in good standing 6,905, making a net gain of membership

First quarter . .

First Quarter

for the year of 154.	
RELIEF.	ESTIMATED RELIEF.
Cash Expended.	Other than Money.
Second quarter \$ 378 43	Second quarter \$ 489 04
Third quarter 259 62	Third quarter 493 47
Fourth quarter 1,114 31	Fourth quarter1,251 70
First quarter 653 65	First quarter 1,094 45
Total	Total
SUMN	IARY.
Cash expended for relief	
	3,328 66
	1,781 08
Number of soldiers assisted during the	
Number in soldiers' families assisted	during the year 1,792
Number of members assisted during t	
Number in members' families assisted	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY O
Total number of persons assisted duri	

QUARTERLY REPORTS.

The incorrect and tardy reports from Corps add greatly to the labor of the Department officers. For the benefit of my successor, I suggest to Corps Presidents that they examine these reports more carefully before signing, and see that the number of members in good standing, amount expended for relief and estimated value of relief other than money, are the same on both reports. Much time and expense might be saved if these reports could be made semi-annually instead of quarterly.

ELECTION RETURNS.

Election returns have been received from all Corps in the Department except four. To the installing officers who so promptly sent in their reports, I extend my sincere thanks.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Since last Department Convention there has been sent to Corps Presidents, Past Department Presidents, Department officers, National officers, Department Presidents of various States, the G. A. R. Department officers, Commander-in-Chief G. A. R., Commander-in-Chief S. of V., President Ladies' Aid Society, and many others, ten Department General Orders, one Circular, one Department Roster, and one Circular Letter from each of the following: Lizzie W. Brown, Department Senior Vice-President; Clara Hess, Department Inspector; Eliza J. Crisler, Department Patriotic Instructor.

Ten General Orders and two Circular Letters from National Headquarters have been sent to all except National officers and Department Presidents.

One National Pass-word and one Department Pass-word have been forwarded to all Corps Presidents.

The following blanks have been sent: Corps Secretary and Treasurer blanks for four quarters, Quarterly Reports to Posts, Election Return blanks, Installing Officer's blanks, blanks for Patriotic Instruction, Memorial Day Reports, and one Commissson to each appointed officer. Have written 300 letters and many postal cards.

CONCLUSION.

And now, my dear Mrs. President, before closing my report, I desire to extend to you my sincere thanks for the honor you conferred upon me and confidence shown in my ability one year ago by the appointment as Department Secretary. Fully realizing the importance of the work, I have endeavored in every way to perform the duties of the office satisfactory to you, and if I have succeeded in meeting with your approval, I am more than satisfied.

To the Department Treasurer, I wish to say the year we have spent together as Secretary and Treasurer has been to me a very pleasant one, and a friendship formed which I trust will not end with our official duties.

I also wish to extend my thanks to the writers of the many kind letters received, containing words of cheer and good wishes. They will ever be cherished in loving appreciation of the kindness shown. The remembrance of this year's work will always be one of pleasure.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

KATE SCOTT,
Department Secretary.

Report of Department Treasurer.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, W. R. C.

Kate Scott, Department Secretary:

In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of our order I have the honor to herewith submit the following report of the receipts and disbursements of the Department during the year from May 24, 1901, to May 6, 1902:

RECEIPTS. 61 38 Past Department Treasurer, Ritta May Metcalf \$ 53 50 Supplies quarter ending September 30, 1901 69 18 Supplies quarter ending December 31, 1901 205 84 210 19 105 49 32 98 Postage on supplies from Corps during year Total receipts for supplies and postage 738 56 Per capita tax quarter ending June 30, 1901 \$ 518 56 Per capita tax quarter ending September 30, 1901 531 60 Per capita tax quarter ending December 31, 1901 554 32 Per capita tax quarter ending March 31, 1902. 564 48 \$2,168 96 Total receipts per capita tax Patriotic Fund quarter ending March 31, 1902, added to 20 59 Total 20 59 RELIEF FUND. 39 50 Past Department Treasurer Ritta May Metcalf \$ 39 50 CHRISTMAS FUND. Past Department Treasurer Ritta May Metcalf \$ 329 31 Donations from Corps to Christmas fund 551 05 Total Donations to Christmas fund debt of \$188 79 74 00 114 79 188 79 Total amount of debt paid

ANDERSONVILLE PRISON FUND.	
Donations by Corps quarter ending March 31, 1902 \$ 13 94 Donations by Corps during month of April, 1902 22 71	
Total	65
FUND FOR MEMORIAL DAY IN SOUTH.	
Donations by Corps quarter ending June 30, 1901 \$ 7 00 Donations by Corps quarter ending March 31 and month	
of April, 1902	
Total	70
M'KINLEY MEMORIAL FUND.	
Donations by Corps during month of April, 1902 \$ 25 85	
Total	85
FUND FOR MONUMENT TO LOYAL WOMEN OF 1861-1865.	
Donations from Corps during year	
Total	00
NATIONAL W. R. C. HOME FUND.	
Donations by Corps, quarter ending September 30, 1901.\$ 10 00 Donations by Corps, quarter ending December 31, 1901. 12 00	
Total \$ 22	00
Received for Inspection quarter ending March 31, 1902.\$ 148 57	
Total	57
Rebate on mileage book	
Total	00
Total receipts for the year ending May 6, 1902. \$4,006	22
EXPENDITURES.	
National Treasurer for supplies, quarter ending September 30, 1901	
ber 31, 1901	
National Treasurer for supplies quarter ending March 31, 1902	
National Treasurer for supplies during month of April	
and to May 6, 1902	
Postage on supplies paid by Corps during year 32 98	
Total	37

National Treasurer, per capita tax for quarter ending				
June 30, 1901	162	68	Wan Me	
National Treasurer, per capita tax for quarter ending		1		
September 30, 1901	166	41		
National Treasurer, per capita tax for quarter ending				
December 31, 1901	207	87		
National Treasurer, per capita tax for quarter ending	12.00			
March 31, 1902	211	68		
Total	TO.		748 64	
		4	. 10 01	
Expended from Christmas fund	332	66		
Total			332 66	
The state of the s		Ψ.	002 00	
Expended Andersonville Prison fund during month of				
April, 1902	36	65		
and the second s				
Total		\$	36 65	
	0-	0-		
Expended McKinley Memorial in month of April, 1902.	25	85		
Total		\$	25 85	
Expended from Memorial Day in the South Fund during				
quarter ending June 30, 1901	7	00		
Expended from Memorial Day in the South Fund during				
month of April, 1902	46	70		
Total		-\$	53 70	
Total		Ψ	00 10	
Expended from National Home Fund for quarter ending				
September 30, 1901	10	00		
For quarter ending December 31, 1901	10			
For quarter ending March 31, 1902	2	00		
		_	22.00	
Total		\$	22 00	
Monument to Loyal Women Fund for quarter ending				
March 31, 1902	2	00		
	4	_		
Total		\$	2 00	
INSPECTION EXPENSES,				
Jennie Myerhoff		15		
Clara Brazelton		35		
Anna Hadley	100	65		
Emma Druly		70		
Josephine K. Thomas	1	11		

Tabitha O. Lynch	1 25
Ida Poineer	1 10
Clara Griggs	85
Lizzie Brown	2 35
Mattie Beidler	3 84
Rose A. Isabel	60
Libbie Richardson	3 36
Dr. Flora Smith	1 50
Kate Scott	2 00
Mary Swain	5 02
Mary M. Simms	1 90
Laura Lower	2 13
Laura Hess	3 40
Lucy Clark.	5 17
Lydia Cook	2 60
Clara Hess	13 95
Tempie B. Smith	5 88
Maria J. Spicely	6 20
Charlotte Jones	2 20
Ann Haymond	5 05
Eliza J. Crissler	4 00
Sarah C. White	75
Mary J. McElvaine	3 75
Belle W. Ephlin	3 20
Lou Havens	4 20
Anna Tucker	6 25
Eva Ginger	3 55
Laura Kalter	6 00
Elizabeth Lee	2 90
Mary Fogle	3 00
Lydia McComb	1 55
Clemenza McDonald	3 10
Lucia Kintz	3 11
Sue Hart	7 99
Ella D. Zinn	5 03
Romaine Armstrong	3 84
Sarah Hobbick	2 15
Anna H. Twells	2 90
Corps No. 156, amount overpaid Inspector	80
Corps No. 137, amount overpaid Inspector	1 05
Money orders to send money to Inspectors	1 97
—	
Total	\$ 149 40
Department Secretary's salary for quarter ending June	
30, 1901	35 00

A STATE OF THE STA		1		
Department Secretary's salary for quarter ending Sep-				
tember 30, 1901 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	50	00		
Department Secretary's salary for quarter ending De-		min i		
cember 31, 1901	50	00		
Department Secretary's salary for quarter ending March		toh		
31, 1902, and month of April	65	00		
Department Treasurer's salary for quarter ending June				
30, 1901	35			
For quarter ending September 30, 1901	50			
For quarter ending December 31, 1901	50	100		
For quarter ending March 31, 1902, and month of April.	65	00		
Total		\$	400	00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES FOR QUARTER ENDING JUN	NE 30	. 1901	7 5 5	
		11	Ale:	
Express, freight, telegrams	0	11		
bond	21	70		
Office sundries		85		
Printing	15			
Department President, traveling expenses, mileage book	30			
Treasurer's bond	10			
Mary M. Simms, Department Counselor, expenses to	1111			
Indianapolis	3	20		
The state of the S		_	0.0	0.0
Total		\$	90	86
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES FOR QUARTER ENDING SE	EPT.	30, 19	01.	
Expense of Auditing Committee	4	20		
Express, freight, drayage and telegrams	8	78		
Department postage and stationery	26	75		
Press Correspondent, postage	1	50		
Patriotic Instructor, postage		00		
Railroad fare to Indianapolis for Patriotic Instructor	1	40		
Money orders and revenue stamp	6.0	57		
Printing General Orders and Rosters	29	00		
Printing Circular Letters for Department Inspector and	ALC:			
Department Senior Vice-President		50		
Office rent and telephone		50		
Department President's traveling expenses	1	93		
Department President's expenses to National Convention	7 60	00		
at Cleveland		90		
10		00		
Department Secretary's expenses to National Convention		90		
Department Secretary's expenses to National Convention Hollenden Hotel, National Headquarters, contract for	4			
Department Secretary's expenses to National Convention	4 113			

Electro for National badge	
Office supplies	
Total	98
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES FOR QUARTER ENDING DEC. 31, 1901.	
Expense of Auditing Committee	
Freight and expressage 5 67	
Telegrams and messages	
Department postage, postal cards and stationery 40 16	
Hettie M. Forkner, postage on Department journals 10 00	
Eliza J. Crissler, Patriotic Instructor, postage 10 60	
Printing circular letters and letter heads for Patriotic In-	
structor	
Printing General Order and envelopes	
Engrossing charter, money orders and draft 1 33	
Office rent and telephone	
Mary D. Travis, expenses to Indianapolis to purchase	
Christmas goods for S. and S. O. H 2 85	
Mary D. Travis, expenses to Knightstown and return 4 15	
Maria Daugherty, expenses to Knightstown and return . 2 90	
Josephine Comstock, expenses to Knightstown and re-	
turn	
Department President, expenses to Knighstown and	
return	
Department Patriotic Instructor, expenses to Indianapolis 2 00	
Anderson Herald Publishing Co., on Department journals 200 00	
Department President's traveling expenses	
Total	74
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1902.	
Expense of Auditing Committee	
Last payment on Department journals 25 00	
Express, freight and drayage 8 60	
Postage stamps, postal cards and stamped envelopes 37 68	
Postage for Department Inspector 4 10	
Department President's railroad fare twice to Indian-	
apolis, to Converse and Arcadia 4 40	
Mileage book	
Office rent	
omee reme	
Office supplies	
Office supplies 2 65 Printing 21 25 Testimonial to Past Department President, Laura S. Burr 80 00	
Office supplies 2 65 Printing 21 25	

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Mary M. Simms, Past Danartment President avnences to		
Mary M. Simms, Past Department President, expenses to Indianapolis to meet committee to look over books \$ 2	80	
Laura Hess, Past Department President, expenses to meet	80	
	35	
Mary Swain, Department President, to three dinners for	00	
	05	
	55	
Draft for per capita tax	20	
Draft for per capita tax		
Total	\$ 248	3 43
Expended during month of April and to May 6 \$ 107	52	
		7 5
	\$ 10	1 0.
Total expenditures for the year	\$3,364	4 80
RECAPITULATION.		
RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.		
General fund	11	
Relief fund		
Christmas fund		
Received in full account for Christmas debt 188		
Andersonville Prison fund		
Fund for Memorial Day in the South		
McKinley Memorial fund		
	00	
	00	
Inspection expenses		
Total	\$4,006	3 22
EXPENDITURES DURING THE YEAR.		
General Fund	54	
Christmas Fund	66.	
Andersonville Prison fund	65	
Fund for Memorial Day in the South 53	70	
McKinley Memorial fund	85	
National W. R. C. Home fund	00	
Fund for Monument to Loyal Women	00	
Inspection expenses	40	
	7 1111	o, la
Total	\$3,364	1 8(
Balance	. \$ 641	1 42

BALANCE.

The above balance	is	c	on	np	os	ed	o	f t	he	f	oll	OV	vii	ng	fu	n	ds:				
General fund							ı										. \$	194	74		
Christmas fund																					
Relief fund																		39	50		
				1													_				
Total											•	•	•	•	٠		8.7		\$	641	42

Contributions by the following Corps to the Christmas fund deficiency:

No.	7					\$	2	00	No.	60	٠.						\$ 1	00	
No.	10						5	00	No.	63	ě.						10	00	
No.	11						5	00	No.	84							3	00	
No.	18						5	00	No.	94							2	00	
No.	20					1	10	00	No.	160							2	00	
No.	43						5	00	No.	166		١.				•	5	00	
No.	44						5	00	No.	199	٠.			٠			5	00	
No.	45						5	00	No.	212	٠.						1	00	
No.	46						3	00											

Corps Contributing to the Special Funds.

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NAME OF CORPS.	Christmas Fund.	Inspection.	Patriotic Fund.	Memorial Day in the South.	Andersonville Fund.	McKinley Fund.	Madison Nat'l Home.
Norman Eddy 2 Delong 3 General Canby 4 F. D. Matthews 5 Shiloh Field 7 Sion S. Bass 8 James H. Emmet 9 Sanderson 10 George H. Chapman 11 Morton 12 John Craig 13 Sedgwick 14 Auten 15 Elmer 16 Patton 17 Elmer 16 Patton 17 Elmer 17 Elmer 19 General John A. Logan 19 George H. Thomas 10 George H. Thomas 10 George H. Thomas 10 George H. Thomas 10 Cookout Valley 11 Cookout Valley 12 Cookout Valley 13 Cookout Valley 14 Cookout Valley 15 Cookout Valley 16 Cookout Valley 17 Cookout Valley 18 Cookout Valley 18	\$5 00 3 00 5 00 5 00 5 00 5 00 1 00 2 00 2	\$0.75 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.0	\$1 00 1 00 1 00 1 00 1 00 1 00 1 00 1 00	\$1 00 1 00 1 00 1 00 1 00 1 00 1 00 1 00	\$0 75	\$1 00 3 00 1 00 5 00 5 00 2 00 2 00	\$10 00
69 Lieutenant Yakey	2 00 4 00	91 1 16	1 00			.::	

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	NAME OF CORPS.	Christmas Fund.	Inspection.	atriotic Fund.	Memorial Day in the South	Andersonville Fund.	McKinley Fund.	Madison Nat'l Home.
No.		Ö	-	Ь	N	A	Σ	N
No. 72 74 77 78 81 83 84 87 88 89 91 92 93 94 100 101 101 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 110 112 121 124 125 128 130 131 132 133 134 133 134 133 134 133	Lookout McPherson Stephen J. Bailey James Priee Fahler John Wheeler Stone River Lew Dailey Roann Ben North Meade Paul E. Slocum John A. Platter T. J. Harrison Franklin George W. Leonard William A. Boyd James C. Veatch Shively Hiram G. Fisher Stillwell Gettysburg Erwin McClung Lehman Griffith Jesse S. Ogden "Pap" Thomas George Miller Leslie Frank Jones Elwood Martin R. Delaney Williams Benton Joe Cook Jacob Stahl Rich Mountain Goodland Beeson Martin George W. Rader Hugh H. Willets John P. Baird Bowman E. C. Newland	\$5 00 1 00 2 00 1 1 00 2 00 2 00 2 00 2 00	\$1 16 1 16 91 1 105 75 1 16 91 1 105 1 12 1 102 1 12 1 102 1 12 1 103 1 12 1 104 1 12 1 105 1 18 1 18 90 90 1 18 1 18 1 18 1 105 1 1	\$1 00 \$1 00 \$2 00 \$1 00	\$1 00 1 00 1 00 1 00 1 00 1 00 2 00 1 00 1	\$1 30 88 20 20 37 40 37	## Rund.	Madison Home.
135 136 137 138 140 142 143 144 146 148 149 151 154 155 160 162 163	Colonel Robert Heath Moses Herron Johnson Johnson John Murray Marsh B. Taylor Magnolia Blinn Morgan A. B. Wade Worden Cambridge City Stansbury Frank Neff Samuel Reed Henry Chipman	2 00 1 00 1 00 1 00 1 00 1 00 1 00 2 00 2	1 20 75 	50 1 00	25 1 00 1 00 1 00 1 00 50	37 50 50 1 00 20 42 51 28 55 80	1 00 1 00	
163 165 166 168	Kosciusko Jesse Coppock George V. Rawson Phil H. Sheridan	1 00 1 00	1 05 75 75 60			80		

No	NAME OF CORPS.	Christmas Fund.	Inspection.	Patriotic Fund.	Memorial Day in the South.	Andersonville Fund.	McKinley Fund.	Madison Nat'l Home.
173 177 180 184 186 187 188 191 192 200 201 201 203 202 214 215 216 219 220 221 221 222 222 223 233 234 238 238 238 238 238 238 238 238 238 238	William Cuppy Reed . Captain Floyd Steele Berlin Simon Miller. M. D. Manson John A. Logan Garfield Joseph Bowen Frank Beitzell George Ridlen Alvin P. Hovey Isham Keith Lew Taylor Hambright Jacob L. Hoops John A. Hollett S. C. Aldrich Harrow Morocco Robert Huff Blankenship John P. Porter Remington Shiloh P. R. Owens William McGinnis Charles Porter Jeff C. Davis Gaskins Thomas Ashley Lookout Mountain Spicely Silvers Simonson Major Henry Fred Small John C. Fremont William Johnson	\$1 00 2 00	\$1 00 1 05 70 70 1 00 1 1 05 1 20 1 1 05 1 20 1 00 1 1 05 1 10 1 00 1 10 1 1	\$1 00 9	*1 00 1 00	\$0 18 \$8 \$37 25 25 1 00 28 42 34 20	50	\$2 00
	Joseph R. Gordon Post, No. 281 McPherson Post, No. 7	2 00 5 00	:::	1:::	:::	:::	: : :	:::

The following Corps paid Inspectors: Nos. 47, 69, 137, 216, 155, 230, 234, 67, 124, 138. No. 63, \$2.00 to monument to loyal women.

I desire to express my sincere thanks to this Convention for the confidence reposed in me by electing me one year ago to this honorable and responsible position. If I have merited your confidence, then I am abundantly rewarded. I have at all times endeavored to work for the very best interests of the order in every way, using the most careful economy. It has been to me a labor of love. In word, thought and deed I have, to the very best of my ability, earnestly and conscientiously performed the duties of my office.

Dear Department President and Secretary: The duties that have bound us together as associate officers are about to be severed. May the friendship formed in our own Corps years ago, and grown stronger by our daily asso-

ciation with the duties intrusted to us of this year, be continued throughout our lives. Mrs. Secretary, I thank you for all assistance and kindness shown me, and know you to have been a faithful and efficient officer in performing the duties of your trust. To you, Mrs. President, I have only words of congratulation and praise upon the success of your administration. I have constantly been delighted by your unselfish devotion to the principles upon which our organization was formed. You were always at your post ready and willing to do everything possible for the good of the order. To you, dear sisters, having a personal knowledge of our President's modest, sterling worth and integrity of character, I would like to convey, if I could find expression, my appreciation of her; to her unswerving loyalty to duty, and her constant Christian sympathy, I owe more than I can express.

In closing this report I would be unjust to the Corps Treasurers, as well as to myself, if I failed to express my thanks for all the courteous letters and kindly greetings that have come to me from them—letters bearing words of good cheer and loving regard. These will be treasured in my memory while life shall last.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L., ALICE LAMAR,

modulation of Professional Date and the

Department Treasurer.

Supplemental Report of Receipts and Expenditures.

GENERAL FUND, MAY 6 TO 22, 1902.

RECEIPTS.						
Balance on hand, May 6		\$194 16				
Total				\$2	11	39
EXPENDITURES.						
Crating desk and drayage		\$3	25			
Rope for boxes			20			
Postage for Rosters and Requisitions		1	50			
Postage to Department Chaplain		2	00			
Telephones and telegrams			85			
Total				\$	7	80
CONVENTION EXPENSES.						
May Fessler, Stenographer	7	\$15	00			
Minnie Brown, Ass't Secretary			00			
Dept. President, Secretary and Treasurer, railroad fare		4	20			
Expenses for reception to National President		8	00			
Drayage on boxes to and from Convention		1	75			
Tablets and pencils for Convention			83			
Hotel English, Department Headquarters		36	00			
Total			T	\$	70	78
Total expenditures					78	58
Balance general fund, May 22, 1902		\$132	81	•	•0	00
Part of the manufacture of the second of the						
TOTAL BALANCES.						
Balance general fund		\$132	81			
Balance Christmas fund						
Balance relief fund						
Total cash on hand				\$5	79	49

ABSTRACT OF SUPPLIES.

Following is a list of supplies on hand, May 22, 1902, and transferred to my successor:

	ny successor.		
4	Bronze pins, 20 cents each	0	80
		4	25
1	Gold charm	2	371
1 3	Yard charter ribbon		14
20	Yards badge ribbon, 20 cents per yard	4	00
	Yards department officers' badge ribbon		30
94	Red seals		40
	10 National and 8 bronze emblems		36
		1	00
7	Rituals	1	26
38	Corps service books	3	80
1	Department service book		25
108	Burial and memorial service books	0	80
364	Rules and Regulations	0	92
	Application for membership blanks		23
47	Invoice for supplies		35
		1	90
206	Corps Treasurer's bonds	2	06
	Sheet music opening ode		
	Initiation march		30
59	Ode cards		59
	Discharge cards		72
	Visiting cards		77
	Transfer cards		53
25	Department transfer cards		50
40	National credential cards		20
	Journal		70
4	Ledgers	3	20
4	Cash books	3	20
7		5	60
9	Corps Secretary's order books	3	60
1	Corps Treasurer's receipt book		40
3	0 10 1 01	1	50
		2	40
1		1	35
9	Department commissions for appointed officers		45
		1	50
4	Electros (small)		80
	Specimen sheets ledger		57
20	Specimen sheets cash book		60
574	Corps Treasurer's reports — Form W	2	90

27 Patriotic Primers	10
	25
7 Membership badges	39
99 Corps officers' badges, all grades	73
	31
	27
13 Department officers' badges	51
2 Sets of cotton flags	00
3 Sets of iron stands for flags	54
78 Silk salute flags	30
Total	$71\frac{1}{2}$
FREE BLANKS.	
272 Form B—Corps Treasurer's quarterly reports.	
670 "A—Secretary's reports.	
642 " J-Memorial Day blanks.	
641 " N—Corps relief reports.	
1 Department requisition book.	
Following is a list of office furniture transferred to my successor:	
Following is a list of office furniture transferred to my successor: 1 Desk and chair	00
1 Desk and chair	00 00
1 Desk and chair	
1 Desk and chair	00
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Then followed the reading of the report of the Department Counselor. Same was submitted to the proper committee.

Report of Department Counselor.

FRANKFORT, INDIANA.

Kate Scott, Department Secretary:

MADAM — In compliance with Rules and Regulations, I respectfully submit my report as Department Counselor.

I wish to acknowledge the honor conferred upon me by the Department President, in selecting me as her legal adviser, and I have endeavored to perform the duties of the office in a careful, conscientious manner. Many times during the year have I been called into consultation on matters of importance pertaining to the welfare of the Order, the report of which will not appear here; and a few times answered a "hurry call" to some part of the State, to straighten out the tangles or pour oil on the troubled waters; but, on the whole, not many questions have been referred to me for my decision, all due to the efficiency of her into whose keeping you intrusted the Department work one year ago.

I congratulate the Department upon this fact — proving so conclusively that your leader is so worthy a seaman, and has so thoroughly studied and understood her chart and compass, that although the voyage has been an unusually trying and difficult one, she has been enabled to guide the ship of State so successfully into safe, quiet waters, past the rocks and reefs of petty jealousies, over the rapids of envy and strife, through the perilous channels of discontent and misunderstandings, and the financial straits that for a time threatened to engulf her. This is no fairy story, as those closest to her know.

1. A woman was dropped for non-payment of dues—some time afterward made application, was accepted, and initiated into another Corps to which she formerly belonged. Was the procedure legal?

Opinion — A resolution was adopted by the nineteenth National Convention, whereby "Applicants for readmission to the Order, including transferred, dropped and honorably discharged members, may be readmitted on the same vote as members upon their first application."

2. From which fund should be taken the money to purchase flowers and fruit?

Opinion — Money for flowers should always be taken from the General Fund, also for fruit, if sent complimentary, as we do flowers; but if fruit be sent in case of need, or to the sick, instead of provisions, then this should come from the Relief Fund.

3. The husband of Mrs. X., a member of the Corps at Y——, died very mysteriously. The wife was indicted for his murder, tried in the civil courts, and acquitted. The Corps at Y——, feeling that she, through so much notoriety, was a detriment to them, desired very much to be rid of her, therefore, when she tendered the money for her dues, the Corps voted that the Treasurer should not receive it, and requested Mrs. X. to allow herself to become delinquent, that the Corps might have a valid reason for dropping her name from the roll. This Mrs. X. refused to do.

The Corps President at Z— wrote the President at Y— to grant Mrs. X. a transfer card to become a member at Z—. This the Corps at Y— refused to do, claiming that Mrs. X. ought not to be a W. R. C. woman at all. Soon the Y— Corps was notified that Mrs. X. had been received into the Z— Corps by transfer from the Y— Corps. The Y— Corps pronounced the transfer card a forgery. Where does Mrs. X. belong? Was the action of the Corps illegal?

Opinion — 1st. Yes; both Corps were in the wrong. When Mrs. X. tendered her dues to the Treasurer of the Y—— Corps, she should have accepted them, as no charges were pending against her.

2d. The President was out of order in allowing the Corps to vote on it.

- 3d. When the transfer card of Mrs. X. was presented to the Z—Corps, the officers should have opened correspondence with the Y—Corps, and the forgery would have been detected at once and all trouble averted, as without a doubt the transfer card was a forgery.
- 4. Our Inspector instructed our President to have the Investigating Committee go forward and stand at the rear of the altar while she read to them the law on eligibility; also, that we must raise our eyes to the President as we deposit our ballots. Is there such a law?

Opinion — Certainly not. Had that Inspector read the Ritual more carefully, she never would have given Corps such instructions.

5. The application of a woman, whose character is above reproach—whose loyalty cannot be doubted—and the wife of a Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, made application to become a member of our Corps. One of our Past Presidents, through personal enmity, succeeded in influencing enough women to unite with her in black-balling her. What can be done? Can you not grant us a dispensation to initiate her, because black-balled through spite?

Opinion — No; we must abide by our law governing admission of members, in Rules and Regulations, Chapter 2, Article II, Sections 4 and 6. As there are but two reasons given us for casting a black ball, I can but feel a contempt for any woman, especially a Past President, who can so far forget her loyalty to our Order as to behave in such an unwomanly manner, and I would that the Department President had the power to strike the names of such women from our rolls without so much as the form of a trial. This

is not an isolated case, at least one other identical with this has come to the Department President this year.

From which fund should the Christmas offering be taken?
 Opinion — From the Relief Fund. (See Rules and Regulations, Chapter 5, Article X, page 27.)

Red Book, page 91.

7. A Penny Club was organized, auxiliary to the Relief Corps. Said Club have their own officers, and work separate from and independent of the Corps, the proceeds from the work to go toward the general good of Corps and Post. Two women, through spite, because they were not elected to office, are trying to have the Club disbanded. Has the Corps the power to disband this Club, without consulting the wishes of the Club? Several of our Post members say the Corps has no right to take such action.

Opinion—Rules and Regulations, Chapter 2, Article VIII, Section 10, says: "The Executive Committee shall devise methods for obtaining funds," etc., and I would discountenance the organization of such a Club in any Corps as most likely to engender trouble, as it has done in this one. Especially do I condemn it, if organized by a few members independent of the Corps, but if organized by a majority of the members present and voting, there is not a shadow of a doubt but at a subsequent meeting, if a majority vote of the members present and voting stand for disbanding the Penny Club, the action is perfectly legal.

- 8. From which fund are dues remitted? Opinion General Fund.
- 9. We must discipline one of our members for "conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline." We have not five unprejudiced members in our Corps. What shall we do?

Opinion—Chapter 5, Article VII, Section 4, Rules and Regulations, says: "It shall be the duty of the Corps President to appoint a committee of five unprejudiced members in good standing in the Order." I take it that this committee need not necessarily consist of members of the Corps of which the accused is a member, but may be, and I deem it the wiser way to make the selection from other Corps.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

MARY McCORKLE SIMS,

Dept. Counselor.

The report of the Department Junior Vice-President was read, and submitted to the proper committee.

Report of Department Junior Vice-President.

Kate Scott, Department Secretary:

In accordance with the requirements of our Order, I herewith submit to this Convention my report as Junior Vice-President of this Department. And at this opportunity I desire to thank the members of this Department for the expression of their confidence in me, by electing me to this office. I fully appreciated the trust, and gratefully accepted the honor with the hope that I would thereby be better enabled to accomplish more good in this noble Order and better serve the interests of those to whom we are pledged.

The duties of the Junior Vice-President are rarely burdensome, and the last year has not been an exception to the general rule. The work has been light, pleasant, and greatly enjoyed. The special work assigned to me was to inspect a number of Corps, which was a very pleasant task, and I did it to the best of my ability. Some of the Corps I visited I found in a prosperous condition, doing their work beautifully, emulating the grand lessons of our Order in the highest degree.

By means of this work, I was enabled to meet and personally know many of the noble women who are engaged in it, and I feel myself amply repaid for all the inconveniences necessary to visit them, and it will ever be a pleasure to remember the time thus spent.

Suggestions as to the correct method of working, whenever needed, were given, and encouragement whenever necessary.

Submitted in F., C. and L.,
LAURA LOWER.

Dept. Jr. Vice-President.

The report of the Department Inspector was read and referred to the proper committee.

Report of Department Inspector.

WESTVILLE, IND., May 10, 1902.

Kate Scott, Department Secretary:

In submitting the report of the Department Inspector, I shall refrain from elaborate and extended remarks, and confine myself to a reasonably concise recital of such details of my official labors during the year in which I have borne the honors conferred upon me by our worthy President, as will result in a tendency for the general good of the Order in this Department.

Early in the course of my duties I found that with the honors of my office came perplexities, which might have made my work vexatious in the extreme, were it not that through the good judgment and ability of my predecessors, the valuable assistance of our indulgent President, and the no less important fact that a willing, loyal and enthusiastic corps of noble women as Assistant Inspectors were responsive to every thought and suggestion that served to expedite my efforts and clear my way to an easy and pleasant solution of the intricacies which my office at first seemed to involve. Through the efforts and intelligible reports of these willing workers, I am enabled to present a nearly perfect statistical account of the condition of the Woman's Relief Corps in the Department of Indiana, during the inspection period of the year 1901.

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Only twenty-eight Corps are reported as being perfect in the Ritual, others having only partially memorized it, the majority not at all. 161 Secretaries are reported as correct in their work. The books of 159 Treasurers are reported as properly kept. I find only two Corps not working in harmony with the Posts.

The work of inspection has, as a rule, been harmonious, and few difficulties have been reported by the Assistant Inspectors. I need not tell you that the work has been of considerable magnitude, but being so zealously performed by one and all, it has been simplified. Your Department Inspector, by the extreme courtesy which has been extended to her by all her coadjutors, has been so repeatedly reminded of the honor she has borne, that her heart is full of thankfulness which she wishes publicly to express. Some perplexities have been encountered which may not recur, should the light of our experience in the past year have the effect of inducing a few changes. I think our principal grievance has been due to those now famous resolutions, adopted at our last Convention, in relation to the payment of expenses of Corps inspections, and published in General Order, No. 3, Articles 9, 10, 11 and 12. It has been generally conceded throughout the Department that the framer of those resolutions, as published in General Orders, was eminently successful as an inventor of the "prize puzzle" of the first year of the twentieth century. I would recommend that a simpler and more direct method of reimbursing Assistant Inspectors the money paid out by them, be adopted. The delays in this respect during the past year have been very irksome, and many letters have been received from Assistant Inspectors expressing dissatisfaction, and I doubt if many of them would be willing to serve again under such an arrangement. Many Corps have preferred to pay their inspection expenses on the spot, and I would therefore offer

Recommendation No. 2—That this system be adopted hereafter. In case a Corps be unable to pay, let the Inspector send her bill direct to the Department Inspector for approval, who will send it, with the proper address, to Department Headquarters for immediate collection. Such cases, however, will be isolated.

Under this recommendation, all Inspectors will have their money returned almost as soon as expended; the District Inspectors will be absolved from all trouble, and the Department President, Secretary and Treasurer freed from a great amount of unnecessary labor.

In conclusion, I will refer to the matter of the tabulated report of this Department, for the year ending June 30, 1901, being absent from the Journal of the National Convention, held at Cleveland last September. It is explained by the report and recommendations of Abbie Lynch, National Inspector, in that Journal, in common with several other delinquent Departments, on page 124. Under the complicated method of distributing blanks, I failed to receive the necessary forms in time to prepare that report for the Convention, and as a consequence it was omitted from the National Journal.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

CLARA M. HESS,

Dept. Inspector.

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Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

CLARA M. HESS,

Department Inspector.

The report of the Instituting and Installing Officer was read next, and same was placed in the hands of the proper committee.

Report of Department Instituting and Installing Officer.

EVANSVILLE, IND., May 12, 1902.

Kate Scott, Department Secretary:

I have the honor of presenting the following report of work done for the year ending May 14, 1902.

Corps instituted during the year are as follows:

General Lyon Relief Corps, No. 242, Otwell, was instituted October 10, 1901, by the Department Instituting and Installing Officer, Mary E. Little, with eleven charter members.

Gordon Tanner Corps, No. 243, Brownstown, was instituted November 6, 1901, by Department President, Mary E. Swain, with thirty-seven charter members.

King David Corps, No. 244, of Mt. Vernon, was instituted May 7, 1902, by Department Instituting and Installing Officer, Mary E. Little, with sixteen charter members.

Election returns have been received from 161 Corps. Some Corps have reported to Headquarters only, and a few not at all. There seems to be a misunderstanding on the part of some as to whom these returns are to be sent.

Sixty-six Corps held installations joint with Post.

Fifty-one Corps held installations public with Post.

Thirty-three held installations private. Nine public, and two did not report the manner.

My official duties have not been at all burdensome. I only wish the number of new Corps had been greater.

Many thanks to my superior officers for kindness and the honor conferred.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

MARY E. LITTLE,

Dept. I. and I. Officer.

Department Patriotic Instructor submitted her report, and same was referred to the proper committee.

Report of Department Patriotic Instructor.

GREENSBURG, INDIANA.

Mrs. President and Ladies of the Convention:

When one year ago this important branch of our work was again intrusted to me, it was with great reluctance that I accepted the trust, for I fully realized what it meant.

Early in the school year I issued a circular to Patriotic Committees, requesting them to visit the schools and let the teachers know we take a personal interest in their work, and that in the Woman's Relief Corps they have a strong ally. I also sent a circular letter to the teachers of Indiana, explaining to them our work and objects, urging a more thorough teaching of patriotism: more teaching of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence; more singing of patriotic songs, with the proper observance of Flag Days; and not only teaching the children to salute the flag, but to honor and revere the "Emblem of our Liberty." To this was added the following endorsement from Prof. Jones, State Superintendent of Public Instruction:

To the Teachers of Indiana, Greeting:

I wish to commend most heartily the work of the Woman's Relief Corps in relation to giving patriotic exercises in the schools. The teaching of patriotic selections, the observance of flag days in the opening exercises, and the flag salute will be of great value in making good citizens of our pupils. It is certainly within the province of our school work to carry out the suggestions made by the Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Eliza J. Crisler, and I hope the teachers will comply readily. Very truly,

FRANK L. JONES.

I went before the State Teachers' Association in December. Senator Lindley was also there representing the Grand Army of the Republic. We were received courteously, and listened to attentively, receiving much applause.

At the suggestion of Prof. D. M. Geeting, editor of the *Indiana Educator* and *Indiana School Journal*, I wrote an article for it, on Patriotism.

To the County Superintendents I issued blanks somewhat similar to those sent to Assistant Patriotic Instructors; from these we get the report of the entire county, instead of just the town where Corps are located.

The interest they are taking is very encouraging, only a few seem to be indifferent, the majority are very enthusiastic. In answer to the question, "What suggestions can you make to advance the work of Patriotic Instruction?" One Superintendent says, "The children should have patriotic teachers over them, who should never lose an opportunity to teach lessons of patriotism. I believe this work can only be advanced by teachers pushing it, and getting the hearty co-operation of parents and pupils, and I believe more of it should be done." Another says, "I encourage the work when visiting schools and Institutes; if the teachers know the Superintendent wants it done, they will generally do it. As the Superintendent, so is the teacher, and consequently the school." While another says, "Furnish me with suitable programs for patriotic days by May 1, and I'll have them published in my County Manual for next winter, they will then be in the hands of all the teachers in the county." A number ask for patriotic literature; some think the hoisting of the flag should be enforced by law.

I wish I had time and space for all, but only give a few, that you may know of the interest they are taking. The following is a summary of the statistics gathered from the blanks sent out:

Schools reporting					7,280
Schools hoisting flag during school hours					3,920
Schools in which patriotism is taught					7,280
School-rooms having a flag					5,365
School-rooms in which flag salute is given					
Children giving the flag salute					
Schools supplied with Declaration of Independence Cha	arts	s			811
Schools supplied with Patriotic Primer					375
Schools in which legal holidays are observed					7,280

Ladies, the doors are now open; never before have we had such splendid opportunities to further this part of our work.

The prominent educators are deeply interested and are ready to assist us. Patriotism is at high tide, but the foul murder of President McKinley forcibly reminds us there never was a time when it should be more thoroughly taught. Each year new teachers and new pupils enter our schools; and thousands of foreigners land upon our shores who know little or nothing of our government or its institutions, but are prejudiced against them.

The teachers of Indiana are very much in earnest and enthusiastic along this line, but the one great want seems to be suitable literature. Therefore I recommend that Patriotic Primers be furnished each school, the same to be distributed by the Department Patriotic Instructor to the County Superintendents at their State Association; and further recommend that each member be asked to contribute five cents for this purpose.

William McKinley once said, "With patriotism in our hearts, and with the flag of our country in the hands of our children, there is no danger of anarchy, and there will be no danger to the Union." I would urge every member of our Order to take more interest in the subject; especially do I urge Corps Presidents to see to it that Corps Patriotic Committees perform the work assigned them.

Let it not be said that Indiana, the "Home of Patriotic Teaching," is lagging behind, but let it be "Patriotism first, last and always; Patriotism in the history; in the reading lessons; in the general exercises; and in the flags that adorn our rooms."

I am greatly indebted to my assistants, to the County Superintendents, the teachers of the Greensburg schools, State Superintendent Jones and ex-Superintendent Geeting, and to them extend my sincere thanks.

Mrs. President, to you am I especially indebted for words of cheer and encouragement. We alone know what a struggle it has been to accomplish what we have with the finances at the low ebb, which necessitated the strictest economy.

Trusting the seed sown during the past year may yield an abundant harvest for the garner of the Woman's Relief Corps, I thank you for the confidence reposed in, and honor conferred upon me, assuring you I will treasure this as one of the brightest years of my service in the order.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

ELIZA J. CRISLER,

Dept. Patriotic Instructor.

The report of the visiting committee to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home was read, and submitted to the committee for action.

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Report of Committee to Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND., May 10, 1902.

To the President and Members of the Nineteenth Department Convention:

Your committee to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, at Knightstown, respectfully submit the following report.

We made but one visit to the Home, for the reason that we were not invited to the graduating exercises, and as we obtained the necessary information concerning the Christmas presents, by correspondence, we were able to perform our duty in *one* trip to the Home, that being when the presents were distributed.

On account of the depleted condition of the funds of the Department, we tried to make the expenses of the committee as light as possible. In purchasing the presents, we tried to purchase as far as possible the most useful and durable ones. The dolls and knives were purchased by Mrs. Josephine Comstock, of the committee, at Richmond, and the dolls were dressed by the Richmond ladies.

Owing to very discourteous treatment which the committee received at the store of Wm. Block & Co., of Indianapolis, our work was delayed and made more difficult. As this is the second time the firm of Wm. Block & Co. have treated the W. R. C. committees in an uncalled for and discourteous manner, we earnestly request the committees in the future to avoid any business transactions with that firm.

By corresponding with Mr. Alexander Johnson, Superintendent of the School for Feeble Minded, at Ft. Wayne, we learned that the ages of the children of soldiers, who are inmates of that institution, range from 15 to 37 years, and nearly all of them are what are called "self-supporting members;" and in view of the fact that there was a "Santa Claus Fund" established at the School, and maintained by entertainments given by the School, it was not deemed practicable to further use our fund to purchase Christmas presents for them. Mr. Johnson, the Superintendent, heartily concurred in this conclusion; and we are glad to report that in this matter the Department will save quite a sum every year.

The total amount expended for presents was \$332.66. The expenses of the committee was \$12.70.

Your committee desires to recommend that hereafter the expenses of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home Committee be paid from the Christmas fund. On December 24th, the committee, accompanied by the Department President, met at the Home, and with the assistance of Mrs. Graham and members of the Home, unboxed and distributed the presents—Mrs. Daugherty, of the committee, remaining over Christmas.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

MARY D. TRAVIS,
JOSEPHINE S. COMSTOCK,
MARIA DAUGHERTY.

As chairman of the Committee, I desire to mention an incident. The children had presented their numerous requests for presents, many of them beyond our ability to purchase. One bright boy had his heart set on a a watch, and when he learned he could not have it, his disappointment was so great, it enlisted the sympathy of Mrs. Daugherty so strongly that she bought the watch and chain at her own expense and sent it to him.

MARY D. TRAVIS, Chairman.

It was moved by Jennie Myerhoff, Past Department President, and seconded by Lou M. Cox, Corps No. 54, that the Convention adjourn and meet at 2 P. M.

Aunt Jane Cowan, of Terre Haute, presented a beautiful box of flowers to the Department President, which was acknowledged by being exhibited to the Convention and thanking the donor.

TUESDAY - AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention was called to order by the Department President, and was followed by the Department Chaplain leading in the Lord's Prayer.

The pass word was then taken up by the Conductors, who reported all present members of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Belle Ephlin, Chief of Staff, in behalf of the Aids, presented to the Department President a set of silver spoons, saying:

We have enjoyed our year's work with you, and as a token of our esteem and regard, desire to present you with these, asking that you use them every day.

Department President: Ladies, I am more than surprised, and as usual (being a woman), I have tears instead of words, but thank you sincerely for this token of esteem from you, and feel sure they are as pure as the feelings which prompted the gift. I thank you.

Mrs. Ransford: I would like to know for sure that they are spoons. I believe the Department President is so agitated that she is unable to see whether they are spoons or not. Yes, they are spoons.

The minutes of the morning session were then read and approved.

The report of the Matron of the State Soldiers Home was submitted, and proved to be a most interesting report of the work of the Home.

It was moved by Nettie Ransford, Past Department President, and seconded by Julia Conklin, Past Department President, that the report be accepted with thanks, and recorded in the proceedings of the Convention. Carried.

The Delegate-at-Large read a most interesting report on her visit to the National Convention. Same was submitted to the proper committee.

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Report of Delegate-at-Large.

COLUMBIA CITY, IND., May 13, 1902.

Kate Scott, Department Secretary:

Never before since the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps, in assembling together in annual encampment, did they meet with more enthusiasm, with love of country and freedom, than that of the thirty-fifth National Encampment and nineteenth W. R. C. The appalling news that flashed over the wires a few days before, that the Executive Chief of the nation had been shot at Buffalo, caused the assembling to be one of hopes and fears; and when the darkened veil was drawn a little closer, hope was shut out.

Cleveland, the "Forest City," founded in 1796, and named in honor of General Moses Cleveland, is of loyal birth and parentage. She claims the first right of honor in 1861, that the echoes of the cannon aimed at Fort Sumter had not died away before they were answered by a shot from a Cleveland battery, the first one fired on land from the Union side. With open and outstretched arms she welcomed, the second time, the Grand Army of the Republic, and Auxiliaries. The decorations and electrical display, with "Old Glory" flying high in air, bid welcome to every guest.

The week of Encampment opened on Monday, consisting of various committee meetings, and reception in the evening given by the several Corps of Cleveland. Tuesday, September 10th, the eighty-seventh anniversary of Commodore Perry's celebrated triumph on Lake Erie, was fittingly celebrated in a grand parade of naval veterans and naval display on the lake. During the early part of the evening, receptions were held at headquarters of the various Departments, of which Indiana received her share of recognition. At 8 o'clock, the reception of the National W. R. C. to the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. and his staff, was held in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce. I can not give space for comment on this brilliant occasion, more than that the two familiar faces of our own Department - Mrs. Mary M. Sims and Mrs. Agnes Hitt - stood prominent in line as National representatives. Wednesday, the parade was viewed by thousands of people. Number of men in parade estimated at 15,000. The delegations were said to be less this year than ever before; the Adjutant General reporting 8,166 having joined the army of the great beyond. One of the most impressive scenes was the human, or living flag composed of 1,500 children. As the veterans swung into the court of honor, and the cheers of fifteen hundred children reached their ears, hundreds of them fairly danced with youthful delight and joy; the stripes and stars of the great human flag would burst into song of welcome and patriotism.

On the evening of the 11th, more than 5,000 people met in the Central Armory. This was an open meeting of the Encampment, for the purpose of welcoming the different organizations. Able addresses by the City Mayor. Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Ohio, were listened to with great applause. The encouraging reports of the day, that the President of the United States was out of danger and would live, caused patriotism to run high, and the sentiment prevailed, "Down with anarchy."

Thursday, September 12th, 9:30 a. m., the Nineteenth National Convention, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, met at the First M. E. Church, Euclid Avenue, Mary L. Carr, National President, filling the chair, who said, in view of the great calamity to this country, which we trust has been averted, we will open the Convention by singing, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow." A prayer was then offered by the National Chaplain, our beloved Mrs. Sims, of Indiana; then "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung, after which the

President declared the Convention open for business.

I want to say right here, that the platform was beautifully decorated, suitably for the occasion; and grouped around the National President was her staff of officers and Aids, with the exception of National Counselor and Patriotic Instructor. The wife of the Mayor, Mrs. Thomas L. Johnson, was introduced, and in the name of the people of Cleveland tendered an eloquent address of welcome. The National President reviewed the year's work, in her most excellent address, which showed from the reviewing of reports that progress had been made. She emphasized the great responsibility of the W. R. C., and placed it above all other human organizations, and behooved us not to allow it to be swept away by beneficiary orders and literary clubs. One noted example of special relief during the year was the quick response of the Departments when the appeal was made for the sufferers of the Galveston, Texas, disaster, enabling the National Treasurer to turn over to the Department Treasurer of Texas the handsome sum of \$5,629.13, and \$652.30 was forwarded direct from Corps and Departments. Supplies were also sent valued at about \$8,000; making a grand total of nearly \$14,000.

I want to make mention of the beautiful tribute paid to the memory of Lucy Webb Hays. In view of the many good deeds administered by women, the National President had placed on the ribbon the face of a woman, Mrs. Hays, being the instigator of the first Orphans' Home, at Xenia, Ohio, as early as 1868. The badge is a copy of the historical picture now hanging in the White House, at Washington, D. C.

The National Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents having read their reports, completed the first session.

At 1:30 P. M., the Convention was called to order. After singing the Opening Ode, proceeded to roll call. Entire number entitled to repre-

sentation in Convention, 853. Number present entitled to vote, 384; Indiana representing 20. Mrs. Ada Work, who has been custodian of the relief fund sent to Texas by our Order, was introduced. Mrs. Work related some of the appalling scenes of the disaster, and the great need of assistance, showing that the W. R. C. had contributed a little less than 66 per cent. of cash and supplies—an act of which our Order can well be proud.

The report of Committee on Discipline was read, and out of this grew a continuous discussion, occupying nearly all the afternoon and evening sessions.

Friday, 9:30 A. M., the Convention convened under trying circumstances. The news of President McKinley's condition saddened the hearts of all. After singing, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," the National Chaplain, Mrs. Sims, uttered in broken tones a fervent prayer to the Father of All in behalf of the President. There were many reports to be heard, among which much credit is due Mrs. Sims for the eloquent Memorial Address, and the carefully prepared report of the National Home Board, read by Mrs. Hitt. There was a unanimous expression in favor of the nomination of Mrs. Celesta Robinson Jones for National President. For the names of officials for the ensuing year, and also the decisions of the Convention, I refer you to General Orders.

The usual round of visiting committees from the various organizations was fraught with many pleasant greetings, especially that of the newly elected Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, Judge Eli Torrance, who assured us to be in sympathy with the W. R. C. work. There was such a profusion of roses presented with compliments to the honored guests, that it seemed to me there would be no roses left in Cleveland. Mrs. Carr was greeted with many valuable presents; coming from her own Department, forty-two spoons, the number of Corps in the Department, thus making her feel, in going out of office, quite "spoony." The business of the day continued till the midnight hour, concluding with the installation of the newly elected officers. Excellent dinners were given by the Corps of Cleveland, free to delegates.

Those remaining for the close of the Convention, and having to remain during the night in the city, heard the united ringing of Cleveland's church bells, signaling the sad news of another martyred President. The colors that are so dear to every loyal heart were being festooned in black, thus changing the appearance of the gala-welcome to a Nation's mourning and grief.

In conclusion, for the benefit I derived in attending this National Convention, I want to thank all, who by their vote conferred this honor upon me. May peace and good will attend you all, is my fervent wish and prayer.

Submitted in F., C. and L.,

CLEMENZA McDONALD,

Delegate-at-Large.

It was moved by Meribah E. Walker, Corps No. 222, and seconded by Sarah C. White, Corps No. 184, that the report be accepted and placed in the journal. Carried.

Mrs. Ransford was asked to call the roll of the Convention.

The Committee on Credentials reported present entitled to vote. 370.

The time having arrived for the election of officers, the Department President appointed as additional tellers, Lizzie Mansfield, Corps No. 45, and Clemenza McDonald, Corps No. 59.

Mrs. Schlater placed in nomination Etta Houk, of Corps No. 195.

Mrs. Schlater: I want to present to you for the nomination of Department President one whose work for this Order has been most conscientious and thorough, one entirely capable of filling the office, and one who, I am sure, will serve you well and earnestly. I place in nomination, Etta Houk, of Corps No. 195.

The nomination was seconded by Mary D. Travis, Past Department President, and many others.

Minnie Brown, Corps No. 8, placed in nomination Ella D. Zinn, of Corps No. 20.

Mrs. Brown: I desire to place in nomination a lady in whom I have the greatest confidence, in every sense qualified to assume the duties of the office; one who by her untiring zeal in all good work has commanded our confidence and trust; one whom the Department of Indiana will do itself credit to place at its head—a woman, loyal, zealous and untiring in her efforts to advance the Woman's Relief Corps. I desire to place in nomination, Ella D. Zinn, of Corps No. 20.

The nomination was seconded by Jennie Meyerhoff, Past Department President, and several others.

Flora Bondurant, Corps No. 36, placed in nomination Flora Smith, of Hardzog Corps, No. 36.

Mrs. Bondurant: Ladies of the Convention, one of the many things that Indiana can be proud of to-day is the number of brilliant women who have served as Department Presidents. Hardzog Corps, No. 36, wishes to present the name of Flora Smith as one well qualified to be added to this list. One of whose work we are justly proud. One whose Revolutionary ancestry, did time permit me to relate, would make your hearts grow warm with patriotism, suffice to say she is the descendant of four generations of soldiers and the daughter of an army nurse. One whose ability, loyalty

and thorough knowledge of the Rules and Regulations of our Order, bids us recognize in her the making of an excellent officer. I have heard it stated, since coming to Convention, "We must have a good financier." I can say to you that, should you elect Mrs. Smith, you will place at the head of the Department a thorough business woman and a splendid financier. The many years which have passed since the North have had this honor, makes the issue of to-day one of locality as well as ability.

We present to you a woman, competent in every way, and ask you to distribute this distinction, that all may share in the highest honor which can be given by this organization of noble women. Therefore, in behalf of one of the oldest Corps in the Department, I present the name of Flora Smith as candidate for the office of Department President.

The nomination was seconded by Sue W. Hart and many others.

The Committee on Courtesies, preceded by the color bearers, retired, and escorted to the platform Mrs. Calista Robinson Jones, National President, who was introduced to the Convention by the Department President.

Mrs. Jones: Mrs. President and ladies of the Convention, I assure you that it is a great privilege and delight to be with you on this occasion, and I bring to you the greetings and good wishes of 40,000 Woman's Relief Corps members, all co-workers with you. I wish to thank you in the name of your Department President, Mrs. Swain, for the courtesy of an invitation to be with you. I shall enjoy being here with you very much. It was my intention to be here earlier, but on account of a severe cold which I contracted at Lancaster, I was unable to be here any sooner. I wrote your President explaining the cause of the delay. However, I am very glad to be here now, and shall enjoy sitting with you. Ladies, I thank you.

Committee on Credentials reported total number of delegates present, 369.

Emma McCord moved that the nominations be declared closed. Motion was seconded by Catherine Messick, Corps No. 18. Carried.

The candidates were presented to the Convention, and the ballots were collected by the conductors.

Tellers retired and counted the ballot.

Agnes Hitt, Past Department President, presented the report of the committee appointed at the last Department Convention to consider the matter of reducing expenses.

Indianapolis, May 13, 1902.

Mrs. President—The committee appointed by you, to consider the reduction of expenses in the Department, have carefully examined into the conditions, and find that more economical methods can be used, and that some precedents have been established which are unwise and should be corrected; therefore, the following recommendations are respectfully submitted:

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That expenses of Department President to National Convention be paid. Secretary and Treasurer to pay their own expenses.

2. That the selection of Department Headquarters at National Convention be left to the Department Commander and Department Assistant Adjutant General, after conferring with the Department President.

3. That the per capita tax be raised to 9 cents per member.

4. That the expenses of the Committee to Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home be paid out of the Christmas fund.

5. That the roster of Corps, printed in the back of Department jour-

nals, be omitted.

6. That Corps be allowed to select their own inspecting officer, subject to the approval of the Department President and Department Inspector.

7. That Department Presidents arrange matters, if possible, so that no money be paid for rent of Department Headquarters.

8. Also, that no money be paid out of the Department Treasury for

telephone rent.

9. That the office of District Inspector be abolished, and that all Assistant Inspectors' reports be sent to Department Inspector. That Corps pay the expenses of Inspecting Officer, except Corps whose financial condition is such that they are unable to do so. This to be decided by the Department President. In this event, the expense to be paid out of the Department Treasury.

In F., C. and L.,

AGNES HITT, Chairman.
IDA S. McBride.
LAURA HESS.
MARY J. HADLEY.
MARY McCORKLE SIMS.

It was moved by Melissa Caylor, Past Department President, and seconded by Agnes Smith, that the report be acted upon ad seriatum. Carried.

Recommendation No. 1. Moved by Alice La Mar, Corps No. 45, and seconded by Marie Koehler, that the recommendation be adopted. Carried.

Recommendation No. 2. Moved by Mary D. Travis, Past Department President, and seconded by Jennie Myerhoff, Past Department President, that the recommendation be adopted. Carried.

Recommendation No. 3. It was moved by Agnes Smith and seconded by Ricy Cartwright that the recommendation be adopted. Lost.

Recommendation No. 4. Moved by Melissa Caylor, Past Department President, seconded by Mary D. Travis, Past Department President, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Recommendation No. 5. It was moved by Marie Schlater, Corps No. 30, and seconded by Blanch Gould, Corps No. 74, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Recommendation No. 6. Moved by Henrietta Perry, seconded by Lizzie Rucker, Corps No. 122, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Recommendation No. 7. Moved by Mary D. Travis, Past Department President, and seconded by Melissa Caylor, Past Department President, that a division of the question be made. Carried.

Recommendation No. 7—First division was read. Moved by Meribah Walker, Corps No. 222, and seconded by Belle Ephlin, that the words "if possible" be inserted in the recommendation. This was done, and a motion was made and properly seconded to adopt the recommendation.

Recommendation No. 7—Second division was read. Moved and properly seconded that the recommendation be adopted.

Tellers' report:

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There was no election, and a second ballot was ordered.

Mrs. Hitt continued the reading of the recommendations.

Recommendation No. 9 was read. It was moved by Jennie Myerhoff, Past Department President, and seconded by Flora Harvey, Corps No. 30, that the recommendation be adopted. Carried.

Agnes Hitt, Past Department President, submitted the following resolution, subject to submission to the National Convention:

Resolved, That to Chapter II, Article VIII, Section 3, Rules and Regulations, be added: She shall correspond with Corps from which Transfer Cards are issued.

It was moved by Melissa Caylor, Past Department President, and seconded by Lizzie Brown, Corps No. 30, that the resolution be adopted. Carried.

The committee on the Department President's address submitted its report.

To the Officers and Members of the Nineteenth Convention:

We, the Committee on President's report, have carefully examined the same, and beg to report that the work of the Department during the past year has been ably and faithfully performed. We congratulate the Department on the wise choice made in the selection of Mary E. Swain as President. We especially commend the wise economy with which she has administered the affairs of the Department, which is manifested by the fact that there will be no debts left for her successor to pay, and there remains over one hundred dollars in the general fund.

We call attention to her very sensible suggestion regarding the number of General Orders to be issued by Department Presidents, and regret that she did not make a definite recommendation on that point so that the committee could have acted upon it.

We commend her administration, not only for its splendid businesslike management of financial affairs, but for the activity and success in

building up the Order.

We commend the report of the President as a whole, and suggest that when the journals of this Convention are distributed among the Corps, that each Corps President shall cause the report to be read in open Corps, so that the membership of the Department may be benefited by her wise counsel, and the example of her earnest, faithful work for the building up of our Order.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the President's expense account be limited to \$100, exclusive of National and Department expenses. Approved by the committee.

2. That the President's testimonial be limited to \$60, beginning with this, the present administration. Disapproved by the committee.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

MARY D. TRAVIS.

MARY A. HADLEY.

WINONA CRISLER.

. It was moved by Laura Squires, Corps No. 15, and seconded by Meribah Walker, Corps No. 222, that the report of the committee be accepted. Carried.

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Miss Etta Houk was duly declared elected.

Emma Myerhoff, Past Department President: Mrs. President, I desire to state that the nomination of Mrs. Ella Zinn was a total surprise to her, as her candidacy was entirely in charge of her friends.

It was moved by Alice Youky, Corps No. 142, and seconded by Jennie Myerhoff, Past Department President, that the Convention adjourn, to meet at 8:00 o'clock Wednesday morning. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY - MORNING SESSION.

Convention was called to order by the Department President.

The Department Chaplain led in the Lord's Prayer, which was followed by the singing of one verse of "America."

The Conductors took up the pass word, and reported all present in possession of the same.

Minutes of Tuesday afternoon's session were read and corrected.

It was moved by Melissa Caylor, Past Department President, and seconded by Sarah C. White, Corps No. 184, that the minutes be adopted as corrected.

Mrs. Ransford, Past Department President, by request called the roll of the Convention, and the Committee on Credentials reported 304 present entitled to vote.

Nominations for Department Senior Vice-President were announced in order.

Mabel Teague, Corps No. 44, placed in nomination Belle Ingersoll, of Corps No. 43. Nomination was seconded by Marie Daugherty, Corps No. 43.

Emma Dentus nominated Sarah C. White, Corps No. 184. Nomination seconded by Agnes Hitt, Past Department President. Sarah F. Snow, Corps No. 78, moved, and it was properly

seconded, that the nominations be closed. Carried.

The Committee on Courtesies retired and escorted to the platform Captain Wallace Foster. He was introduced to the Department President, who in turn introduced him to the ladies of the Convention:

Department President: Ladies, here is our own Capt. Wallace Foster, who can not hear one word that any of you might say to him, one whose heart, as you all know, is full of good will and kindly interest in our Order. Ladies, salute.

Mrs. President, Ladies and Comrades of the Woman's Relief Corps:

While I have not always been able to attend your Department Conventions, my heart's inclinations as well as its inspiration has been with you in spirit and patriotism. To meet and greet you in your Conventions with a fraternal hand-clasp is one of the happy events of my life, for to the W. R. C. I owe all my success, and to you belongs the credit and success of patriotic instructions in our schools. Therefore, I feel highly honored that I am again privileged to meet and greet you in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and to join with you in giving a loyal, sincere Hoosier welcome to your National President, Mrs. Jones, and other distinguished comrades of the W. R. C. to our beautiful city of happy homes.

Your National President was one of the first to unfurl a flag over a school building in 1861, and one of the enthusiastic members of the first National Committee on Patriotic Instructions appointed in 1893, and with her associates on the committee gave the patriotic movement in the W. R. C. new life and inspiration, which has given your organization national prominence and supremacy over all other kindred organizations in the line of

patriotic teaching.

It is not necessary for me to review your good work, for you know it by heart, and so does your comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic know it, and more, they appreciate the glorious history you have made and are making in your earnest work for our dear country, language and flag. I am here to-day to report the progress I have made in defense of your interest.

In the seventeenth Department Convention, many of you remember, I made a protest against any interference with your patriotic program, introduced and promulgated in 1893. In my appeal to the thirty-fourth National Encampment, G. A. R., that met at Chicago in 1900, I received no redress. I again appealed direct to the Commander-in-Chief, Leo Ras-

sieur, and in his address to the thirty-fifth National Encampment at Cleveland, Ohio, 1901, he gave credit and honor to the W. R. C. as the prime movers and promoters in all patriotic work and worthy of co-operation from the G. A. R. In the Commander-in-Chief's address he paid a high tribute to your organization and its high patriotism, and in his closing remarks, said: "Honor to whom honor is due, the W. R. C."

The Commander-in-Chief's endorsement of your patriotic instructions gave to the great majority of the G. A. R. members general satisfaction, and as I believed all difference would be amicably settled to the entire satisfaction of both organizations, but it seems I made a miscalculation, for there was no conference by the Special And with the National officers of your organization before he promulgated his instructions; the Special Aid simply ignored that part of the Commander-in-Chief's address recommending co-operation in your patriotic work, and also ignored the W. R. C. when he issued his instructions to Department Aids with his mongrel counterfeit of the American Patriotic Salute.

When the Aid's attention was called to the address and the recommendations of the Commander-in-Chief, he pleaded ignorance and was sorry, as he had already sent out his instructions, etc., therefore nothing could be done this year.

I hope you will pardon me, comrades, when I say to you that I do not believe the Special Aid is sincere in his wish for harmony and co-operation with the W. R. C. in their patriotic work; if he had been, he would have consulted with the National officers of your organization before issuing his instructions. In my opinion, the Aid is trying to establish a patriotic trust of his own origin, and expects the W. R. C. to go away back and sit down, while he dictates to them what they shall and shall not do.

While I can take no part in your deliberations, I claim the honor of having no unselfish motives in my co-operation with you, but an honest, loyal champion of your organization, and would not detract from the history you have made, if I could. Therefore, I must respectfully protest against the unfair methods of the Special Aid in his efforts to dictate to you when he should come to you and offer his good office to strengthen your work and not weaken it. If the Special Aid had been sincere, he would have invited the National President and Patriotic Instructor to a conference before he made his arrangements or program and gave out his instructions, but this he failed to do until he was sorry. Then the conference took place, but too late to undo what instructions he had sent out to Department Special Aids, and another year will go glimmering, with no assurance that a conference will be held in the near future and a program agreed upon for next year. It seems now that the Special Aid is willing to retire his mongrel substitute salute and adopt Col. Balch's Salute to the flag, providing the W. R. C. will adopt the Youth's Companion Salute for the grammar and high school grades. While I am for co-operation and harmony in the patriotic work, I could never endorse or recommend the Youth's Companion Salute to the flag, for the reason of their shameful treatment of Col. Balch.

However, for the good of your organization, I would not place an obstacle in the way of the Youth's Companion Salute, providing the Balch (or commonly known as the American Patriotic Salute) was not retired to give it preference, and, further, all grades below and including 8A grade would be instructed in the Balch Salute, as the wording is more simple and better adapted for the grades named.

I believe I have your best interest at heart, and only give an opinion when requested and for harmony, to bring both patriotic bodies together and in the same honorable spirit that the National President and Patriotic Instructor have consulted with me, for I assure you I have no desire to interfere with your organization, but simply give my honest convictions, only when solicited to do so by the National or Department officers in authority.

In order to place before you a brief history of the two Flag Salutes under discussion, and their general advancement, popularity and importance in Patriotic instructions, April 17, 1902, I drafted the following questions and submitted them to the Patriotic Instructors of thirty-five Departments of the W. R. C., which I have summed up as follows:

QUESTIONS

First: How many schools in your Department are using the Balch Salute to the Flag?

Second: How many schools in your department are using the Youth's Companion Salute to the Flag?

Third: Which salute, in your judgment, is the most popular in the schools of your Department?

(Each salute was given with the questions.)

ANSWERS.

To the first question, twenty-four (24) Department Patriotic Instructors are unanimous in endorsement of the Balch Salute, which, they say, is used almost exclusively.

To the second question, five (5) Department Patriotic Instructors report that the Youth's Companion Salute is in general favor and use; however, three of the Departments named used the Balch Salute to a limited extent in connection with the Youth's Companion. One Department uses the Special Aid's substitute for the Balch Salute and his entire program. This Department seems to be the only exclusive one of the thirty-five.

To the third question, "Which is considered the most popular Salute to the Flag?" I find twenty-four (24) Departments reporting in favor of the Balch Salute as the favorite and the most popular of any Salute to the Flag in use.

Seven Department Patriotic Instructors have made no report.

Many Department Patriotic Instructors have no knowledge of the Youth's Companion Salute, but they are familiar with the Balch and W. R. C. Salute.

From the investigation I have made, which is solely in the interest of the W. R. C., it is plain that, to introduce another salute where the Balch Salute is used, would cause great disorder and dissatisfaction with teachers, and cause them to drop much of the good work you have introduced. If there is no Salute to the Flag used in the grammar and high school grades, I would much prefer the W. R. C. Salute to the Youth's Companion, for it has a loyalty in it that is dignified and would inspire the pupils in the higher grades.

However, for the good of your glorious Order, a comprome might be made with the Special Aid, if your Corps Salute was not acceptable and the Youth's Companion Salute adopted, to bring harmony and co-operation into the patriotic work, for, indeed, I would be pleased to see the G. A. R. co-operate with you in a fraternal spirit by leaving the good work you have done alone, and follow in your footsteps on the line you have been working for so many years.

I again want to assure you I have no ill-feeling toward the Special Aid to the Commander-in-Chief, for I heartily endorse his military instructions in schools, but I simply feel that, as far as patriotic instructions are concerned, he is wrong, and should follow your well-laid plans in his instructions, and ask what he and other G. A. R. comrades can do to aid you in the grand work you are engaged in. This action by the G. A. R. would meet with a hearty response all along the line of patriotic teaching, and would solve the problem and insure confidence.

In conclusion, let me say, while the Department of Indiana W. R. C. has always made a splendid record in the line of patriotic teaching, I think your present Department Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Eliza J. Crisler, has brought the patriotic work up to a high standard of perfection with a glorious patriotic record for your Department, and has not only honored the Department in its efficiency, but herself as well, as her report for the fiscal year will show that she has all the requirements of a true, loyal American school teacher and Patriotic Instructor, not only in name, but in the living spirit of love for her beloved country, language and flag.

How exalted and inspired we should all feel for our loyal Hoosier State, with 3,920 schools displaying the glorious flag of our country and State over the buildings; 7,280 schools in which patriotism is taught, and 5,365 school rooms displaying the flag, with 3,155 schools giving the Balch Salute to the Flag!

With the finest and grandest Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in the world, and the great army of intelligent, patriotic boys and girls in our loyal State, we have cause to hold up our heads and feel supremely thank-

ful and proud that we are Hoosiers and American citizens, loving our fortyfour sisters with the same affection that inspired the heart and soul of Lincoln, "With malice toward none, with charity for all." God bless you 'till we meet again.

Moved by Nettie Ransford, Past Department President, and seconded by Mary D. Travis, that the address of Captain Wallace Foster be received and printed in the Journal, and that a committee be appointed to consider that part of the address referring to the salutes of the flag, and report to this Convention, that we may prove our loyalty to the salute adopted at our Convention. Carried.

The Committee on Courtesies then escorted Captain Wallace Foster from the hall, amid the salute of flags and waving of handkerchiefs.

A committee from the Sons of Veterans was announced in waiting. The Committee on Courtesies, accompanied by the Color Bearers, escorted them to the platform, where they were introduced to the Department President, and were by her introduced to the Convention. Col. McGuire, chairman of the committee, was asked by the Department President for a few remarks, and responded:

Col. McGuire: Mrs. President, and ladies of the Convention: You are the wives, daughters, sweethearts and friends of the soldiers. You have an affiliation that is very strong. You are to assist the veterans of the late civil war, and we are for a purpose similar to that. We come here to extend greetings to you from the sons of soldiers. We come as a son comes to extend greetings to his mother; we come as a lover comes to extend greetings to his sweetheart. We have largely a common interest - doing everything in our power that is for the betterment of the old soldier and for the up-building of a good government. Their gallant deeds are written on the pages of history; they are inscribed on tablets of stone, on the monuments of everlasting granite. But no page, no tablet, no monument can keep them alive as can an organization as is ours and as is yours. (Cheers.) These organizations call attention to those pages of history which are explained by yonder column of stone. It is for us to do our full duty; and in looking over this audience to-day, if this is a representative audience of the Woman's Relief Corps of Indiana, I can say that I feel assured that it will be done. We extend to you our heart-felt greetings. I thank you.

Col. McGuire was followed by Mr. Sherrick:

Mr. Sherrick: Mrs. President and ladies of the Convention: When I came here to-day, I had an explicit understanding that I was not to be

called upon to say anything; Mr. McGuire was to do the talking. As for myself, my inspiration always comes after long hours of study. I desire, on the suggestion of Mr. McGuire, to say that you are about the handsomest body of young ladies I have ever met. Being serious, I want to say that I am prouder of my title as a son of a veteran than I could be of any title that comes to royalty or is acquired by birth. I am proud of the fact that my father was a soldier, and prouder still of the fact that my mother was the wife of a soldier of the United States. Ladies, I thank you.

Mr. Martin followed Mr. Sherrick:

Mr. Martin: Mrs. President and ladies of the Convention: I wish I had the power of flattery that my friend before me has, for I have learned one thing, which I had often heard before, that the way to reach a woman's heart is to say nice things to her, and the way to reach a man's is to flatter him; and when you introduce us as Sons of Veterans, you have paid us the highest compliment possible. Our chief aim is to be, as were those of 1861 and 1865, as true, as honest, as noble and as patriotic as our fathers were in those days. We love the flag that they loved, and we will stand by it as they stood by it. We hope we are as willing to die for our country as they were. We deem it a great privilege to come here before this Convention, and we want to clasp hands with you in your work, and we want you to know that we are ready and willing to help you and to join with you wherever and whenever we can be of service to you.

Moved by Nettie Ransford, Past Department President, seconded by a rising vote, that the committee be asked to bear to the Sons of Veterans, in their Annual Encampment, the greetings and expressions of loyalty of this Convention.

After being presented with the W. R. C. Convention badge, the gentlemen were escorted from the hall, amid the salute of flags.

The ballots were collected, and the Tellers retired to count the votes.

The chairman of the committee on the reports of the Department Senior Vice-President and Department Junior Vice-President, read her report.

We, the Committee on Department Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents' reports, would commend their excellent work, and heartily concur in the suggestion of the Department Senior Vice-President in reference to the care to be exercised in selection of Vice-Presidents for Districts; also, that the District Secretary should, promptly after District Convention, send in report to the Department Senior Vice-President.

RECOMMENDATION.

We approve the recommendation of Department Senior Vice-President in reference to the change in Districts, with the amendment that the outgoing Department President be selected as a member of this committee to make the necessary changes.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

AGNES HITT. LAURA A. BURR. MARY MENNET.

Jennie Barnes, Corps No. 45, moved, and was seconded by Mrs. Snediker, Corps No. 45, that the report be adopted. Carried.

The chairman of the committee on report of the Inspector read her report.

Madam President: Your Committee on Inspector's report, beg leave to submit the following:

We commend the report for its concise form, and the officer for the thorough and conscientious study she has given to the betterment of this branch of our work. How to obtain results commensurate with the labor and money expended, is a problem that has vexed the soul of each Department President and Inspector. Many methods have been suggested, but, so far, no satisfactory solution has been reached.

The Inspector offers the following recommendations:

No. 1-Approved by committee.

No. 2—Covered by previous legislation.

Respectfully,

JENNIE MYERHOFF. MARIA L. SCHLATER. AGNES SMITH.

It was moved by Catherine Messick, Corps No. 18, and seconded by Hattie Hopkins, Corps No. 44, that the report be adopted. Carried.

The chairman of the committee on Chaplain's report submitted report of that committee.

Mrs. President and Members of W. R. C.: Your committee, to which was referred for consideration the Department Chaplain's report, find that a happy gain over the preceding year has been made along several lines.

Your committee commends the faithfulness and loyalty of the Department Chaplain in her varied duties, and rejoices with her in the favorable gain in interest in, and respect for, the one day in all the year devoted by the entire nation to the memory of our heroes dead.

Your committee would respectfully recommend:

Following the General Order from National Headquarters, that the Department of Indiana recommends to the Corps in this department, the scattering of flowers on the waters, whenever practical, in memory of the sailor-soldiers dead.

We believe that this beautiful ceremony will increase the interest of the children in the glorious history of our nation, and in loyalty and patriotism.

Lydia E. Cook.

MARY MARQUESS.
MERIBAH E. WALKER.

It was moved by Tillie Icey, Corps No. 236, and seconded by Ellen LaPorte, Corps No. 168, that the report be adopted. Carried-

The report of committee on Patriotic Instructor's report was read.

We, the committee on report of Patriotic Instructor, have carefully examined the same.

We appreciate the magnitude of the work to be done, and realize that Mrs. Crisler has done a noble work in getting this grand showing in her report. We therefore heartily approve the recommendation that Patriotic Primers be placed in each school, the same to be distributed by the Department Patriotic Instructor to the County Superintendents at their State Association; and also the recommendation that each member be asked to contribute five cents for this purpose.

ALICE S. PIKE.

LIZZIE W. BROWN. ETTA E. HOUK.

It was moved by Helen Lamar, and properly seconded, that the report be adopted. Carried.

While this report was before the Convention, Mrs. Malott moved that the Patriotic Instructors of the several Corps be authorized to remonstrate with County Superintendents against the sending of athletic associations to our capital city on Decoration Day, for field-day exercises. Motion was seconded by Jennie Myerhoff, Past Department President.

It was moved by Jennie Myerhoff, Past Department President, and seconded by Mary D. Travis, Past Department President, that the matter be referred to the Committee on Resolutions, and be presented by them to this Convention for action. Carried.

Tellers' report:

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Necessary		to	a	ch	oi	ce										177
White.																252
Ingersoll																99
Smith .		٠.									•	•				1
Wikesell	•											٠				1

Mrs. White was duly declared elected Department Senior Vice-President.

It was moved by Mary D. Travis, Past Department President, and seconded by a score of voices, that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Belle Ingersoll for Junior Vice-President. Carried.

Nominations for Chaplain were declared in order.

Marie Schwaner, of Corps No. 18, nominated Sarah Adair, of Corps No. 117. Nomination was seconded by Ada Edmonds, of Corps No. 78.

Zerna Malott, Corps No. 41, nominated Mollie Gilson, of Corps No. 41. Nomination was seconded by Ella White, of Corps No. 191.

Nominations were declared closed, and candidates were presented at the platform. Ballots were collected and Tellers retired.

The chairman of the committee on Counselor's report read her report.

We, the committee appointed on Counselor's report, have carefully examined the same, and heartily concur with her decision in full.

Anna Larsh. Laura Kalter. Adelia Henley.

It was moved by Belle Bishop, Corps No. 3, and seconded by Florrie Gustin, Corps No. 131, that the report be adopted. Carried.

The committee on the report of Instituting and Installing Officer, submitted her report.

Mrs. President: We, your Committee on Instituting and Installing Officer's report, find her work, although limited, has been well done. Three Corps have been organized, with good prospects.

Respectfully submitted.

ELLA D. ZINN. SUE W. HART. It was moved by Sarah Mendenhall, and seconded by Margaret Edwards, Corps No. 51, that the report be adopted. Carried.

A letter from Ida S. McBride, Past Department President, at present in California in quest of health, also a telegram from the National Secretary, were read to the Convention.

It was moved and seconded that the same be embodied in the proceedings of this Convention. Carried.

The National President, Calista Robinson Jones, gave a short talk in explanation of the two flag salutes, referred to in the paper read by Captain Wallace Foster.

The report of the committee on Department Secretary's and Department Treasurer's reports, was read.

Mrs. President: We, the Committee on Department Secretary's and Treasurer's reports, having carefully examined the same, find several slight errors, which, upon investigation, prove to be merely typographical; otherwise we find the reports correct, and commend the excellent work of these officers.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

Josephine K. Thomas. Blanch G. Gould. Eliza J. Crisler.

It was moved by Tillie Icey, and seconded by Alice Pike, Corps No. 112, that the report be accepted. Carried.

Teller's report:

Whole	nu	ın	ab	er	of	v	ot	es	ca	ast							315
Necessa	ary	, t	o	a	ch	oi	ce										158
Goodw	in																1
Gilson																	85
Adair												17				-	228

Sarah Adair was duly declared elected Department Chaplain.

Nominations for Treasurer were called for.

Etta Houk placed in nomination Mabel Teague, Corps No. 44. Nomination seconded by Ida Poinier.

It was moved, and properly seconded, that the nominations be declared closed and the Secretary instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Mabel Teague.

This was done, and she was declared elected.

Emma Chase, Corps No. 8, moved, and was seconded by Laura Ebberwine, that Convention adjourn, to meet at 1:30. Carried.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY — AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the Department President, and was led in the Lord's Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Conductors took up the pass word, and reported all present in possession of the same.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Department President appointed the following ladies as a committee on the address of Captain Wallace Foster:

Mary D. Travis, Past Department President. Melissa Caylor, Past Department President. Eliza Crisler, Past Department President.

Mrs. Winans, Past Department President, of Ohio, was introduced to the Convention, and said:

Mrs. President and Sister members of the Convention: I can not tell you how delighted I am to look into your loyal faces. I just stepped over the border and came here to be with you for a short time. I had the pleasure of being present in this city when Jennie Myerhoff was elected Department President; was also present when Mrs. Nettie Ransford was made your Department President, and when ten Past Department Presidents of Indiana were lined up and had their pictures taken. I was also happy to be in Logansport when your present Department President was elected to this office, which she has filled so efficiently. I had a very warm feeling for you all yesterday (in fact, I was so warm that I nearly melted). I was delighted yesterday to see all those Past Department Presidents lined up before you, and I have come to the conclusion that if you want to live long, all that is necessary is to come to Indiana and be a Department President. I bid you all good-by. I forgot to tell you that I was also celebrating my birthday to-day.

Upon the conclusion of Mrs. Winan's remarks, the Assistant Secretary read from the annual address of Department Commander Garrigus, of the G. A. R., the section relating to the work of the Woman's Relief Corps, which was received with applause.

The roll of the Convention was called, and the Credential Committee reported present entitled to vote, 358.

The Secretary read the report of the Auditing Committee.

Mrs. President and Members of the Convention: We, the Auditing Committee, having thoroughly examined the books of Department Secretary and Treasurer at the close of the quarters ending June 30, September 30, December 31, 1901, and March 31, 1902, and including April, take great pleasure in reporting them correct. The books are well kept. We will always remember the pleasure and the many courtesies extended to us by the Department officers, on our visits to Department Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

Rose Pickering. Hettie M. Forkner.

It was moved by Tillie Icey, and properly seconded, that the report be accepted. Carried.

Miss Etta Houk, Department President-elect, was introduced to the Convention by the Department President.

Miss Houk: Mrs. President and members of this Convention: I think I would be very ungrateful indeed did I not express to you my appreciation of the honor you have done me in making me your Department President, and this only proves again to me what loyalty means. With this honor comes many responsibilities, and I believe that no one knows better than I what these responsibilities are. I want to say to you, Sister members, that I shall do everything in my power for the advancement of the Woman's Relief Corps, and in making an effort to be worthy of the trust you have placed in me. My headquarters, for the present, will be Noblesville, Indiana, Hamilton county.

Nominations were requested for members of the Executive Board.

Mrs. Mendenhall, of Corps No. 26, nominated Alice Lampher, of Lebanon. Nomination was properly seconded.

Lizzie Spahr nominated Romaine Armstrong, of Corps No. 20. Nomination was properly seconded.

Mary Fayler nominated Lydia Cook, of Corps No. 70, and the nomination was seconded by Sarah Adair, of Corps No. 117.

Jennie Barnes, Corps No. 45, nominated Lizzie Mansfield, Corps No. 45. Nomination seconded by Sarah Snediker, Corps No. 45.

Sarah Kivett nominated Belle Ephlin, Corps No. 107, and was seconded by Meribah Walker.

Nominations were declared closed, and the candidates were escorted to the platform and introduced to the Convention.

Regarding explanations made by the Department President in regard to unfair expenses at the National Convention, at Cleveland, Loretta Gorsuch, Past Department President, moved that the Department President be sustained in her action. Motion seconded by Sue M. Hart, Corps No. 5. Carried by a rising vote.

Mary D. Travis, chairman of the committee on the Captain Wallace Foster address, read her report.

Mrs. President and Ladies of the Nineteenth Convention, W. R. C.:

We have carefully read the report of Captain Wallace Foster on Patriotic teaching, and find there are no recommendations or special suggestions upon which this committee can act, but we heartily commend the patriotic zeal and interest which Captain Foster has taken in this work, and his earnest loyalty to the Woman's Relief Corps.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

MARY D. TRAVIS.
MELISSA CAYLOR.
ELIZA J. CRISLER.

Moved by Meribah Walker, seconded by Sarah White, Corps No. 184, that the report be accepted. Carried.

Mary M. Sims, Department Counselor, opened the Question Box and answered the questions.

1. If the members of the Corps vote to pay the expenses of a representative to a Convention, will the President be obliged to sign the order?

Ans. There can not be a penny drawn without the signature of the President.

2. Can a member be President of a Corps and Treasurer?

Ans. Not by any means.

3. Can a member hold two offices at the same time?

Ans. Yes, but it is not advisable.

4. Is it right for the Treasurer to pay a bill without its being allowed at regular meeting of the Corps?

Ans. No.

5. Does all money for supplies have to be allowed?

Ans. I think every member of the Corps has a right to know where every penny goes to.

6. Should delegate of a Corps detail a member to act for her while she is a delegate to the G. A. R.?

Ans. Not by any means.

7. Is it right for a member to hold office in the Woman's Relief Corps and also be a member of the G. A. R.?

Ans. It is not advisable.

8. An army nurse made application to a Corps, and refuses to pay her initiation fee or her dues, saying, we ought to admit her for the honor. Can a Corps do such a thing?

Ans. No woman has a right to ask it.

9. Is it legal for an officer, who only acts in her office about one-half the year, to retire from office as a past officer?

Ans. No; she must serve until the close of the year.

10. Is it right for a member to break her obligations by talking about her sister in a way to hurt her character?

Ans. No one has a right to make remarks reflecting on the character of any woman.

11. If a member has been reinstated or dropped, should she still be reported on the suspended list?

Ans. When she is dropped, she is dropped.

12. Is it necessary for delegates to District Conventions to file credentials?

Ans. I do not think it necessary.

13. Should the President address the officers by their titles or by their names?

Ans. Titles.

14. If a Treasurer has to give up her office in a Corps on account of ill health, can the Secretary take her place and a new Secretary be appointed? Ans. She can if she is elected. The Treasurer's office is an elective

office.

15. Can a member hold two offices at one time, one in her Corps and one in the Department?

Ans. There is no law governing this. A woman may serve the Department as an appointable officer while holding an office in her Corps, but it would be extremely unwise for her to attempt to serve in two elective offices at the same time.

16. A woman was elected to become a member of a Corps, but, before she was initiated, the Investigating Committee and many of the members discovered that she would dishonor the Corps. What can we do?

Ans. Rules and Regulations, page 6, Section 7, covers this.

17. When a Corps disbands, does not a Past President, on the organization of another Corps in the same town, carry her past honor with her?

Ans. If she has served to the close of the year in the Corps that has disbanded.

18. A circle of the Ladies of the G. A. R. has been organized in our city, receiving the social recognition of the Post, who, with the exception of a few loyal men, utterly ignore the Corps. What can we do?

Ans. This is a very deplorable state of affairs, but I cannot see what

is to be done.

19. This Convention is asked to consider the practicability of permitting comrades in country towns to meet with their Corps, in other words, to become honorary members, and also allowing them to retain their charter as long as there is one old soldier left?

Ans. I think this would be advisable, especially in country towns where the members of Corps have to come a long distance and where the admission of the comrades would make their coming to Corps an easier matter. I believe that such an arrangement would increase Corps attendance in many places.

20. Do you believe it to be the proper thing to elect a lady to be a Woman's Relief Corps delegate, when she is a delegate to another Con-

vention holding their meeting in the same day as we do?

Ans. Certainly not.

21. Is it right for the President to take sides with members of the Corps she presides over?

Ans. No.

22. If the Treasurer should make out quarterly reports, should the President send said reports, before the meeting of Auditing Committee?

Ans. No.

23. Can a committee of three or four borrow money, and afterwards present the bill to the Corps to pay?

Ans. No.

24. Should the Treasurer or the Auditing Committee make out the

quarterly reports?

Ans. The Treasurer should not do this by herself. The Secretary, Treasurer and President make out reports, and the committee audits the books.

Tellers' report:

Whole nu	ml	oe	rc	of v	vot	es	c	ast						313
Necessary	to	a	cl	noi	ice									157
Armstrong														
Cook													•	68
Ephlin							٠							120
Mansfield														23

There was no election, and Mrs. Mansfield withdrew her name from the contest.

A second ballot was ordered. Tellers retired.

Suggestions were called for concerning a memorial day for the members of the Woman's Relief Corps.

After some discussion of the subject, it was moved by Agnes Smith, and seconded by Mary Miller, that the 14th day of June be observed as Memorial Day for the deceased members of the Woman's Relief Corps. Carried.

The Committee on Courtesies retired, and presented for introduction to the Convention, Mrs. Torrence, wife of the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R.; Mr. Towler, Adjutant General, and Captain Armstrong, of the Council of Administration.

In response to the greeting of the Department President, and after an introduction to the Convention, Mrs. Torrence addressed the Convention:

Mrs. Torrence: Madam President and women of the Department of Indiana: I have so lately arrived that I scarcely realize that I am here. Coming in on the train, I was surprised by a committee who asked me to come here and meet with you before your adjournment. As this was my last opportunity, I gladly came to your meeting. I do not want to take much of your time, for I know that you have a great deal of business to do before your Convention closes. But, as some of you know, I have been visiting many Departments with my husband, and I thought it might interest you if I told you a little of what I have seen in my visits. The thing that impressed me most was my visits in the South. Perhaps a good many of you here have no better idea than I had of the feeling which exists for Northeners in the South. Before going there, I felt a little timidity as to how I should be received. I knew that the Commander-in-Chief would be received well, but as to a woman — I did not know. Our first stop was at Atlanta, where a committee was in waiting to receive us. We were taken to the Atlanta Club and introduced to the women of the city, who received us most cordially and with the most kindly feeling. Through the thorough kindness and hospitality of these ladies, I was made to feel that there was no longer a North and a South. Not a harsh word, not an unkind look did I see during my visit to this Department; everywhere there was nothing but the utmost cordiality. We have so often heard that the G. A. R. could not do without the Woman's Relief Corps. During my trip through the South I had a little experience which proved to me that this was true. In New Orleans I have seen the destitution of the old soldier; no place is open to him, no woman to care for him in any way, because there is no Woman's Relief Corps; and this incident proved to me that the G. A. R. could not do without your aid and sympathy. In Baltimore I met a number of representative women of the South, progressive women, and there again I received only the kindest of treatment. I am very glad to have been here

with you this afternoon, and to have been able to tell you of this Southern experience of mine, the kindliness and good will which I know exists in the hearts of Southern women for their sisters in the North, as was evidenced by their courtesy during my visiting through the South. I want to thank you for being asked to come here this afternoon and speak to you, and I wish you all the success possible in this good work.

The Department President introduced Mr. Towler to the Convention.

Mr. Towler: I am here in a professional capacity; I am here as the escort of the wife of the Commander-in-Chief. He was unable to bring his wife, on account of his duties with the G. A. R., so I was detailed as part of her escort, and to bring greetings to you and to express the interest which our organization feels in the Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps of Indiana. Last week I was present at a Convention in Ohio, and as Ohio is my native State, I do not like to say which is the best looking body. Pleasantry aside, ladies, I want to say to you that my heart goes out to you, and it is a well-known fact that wherever the heart goes the hand goes, without question. You can rest assured that whenever the G. A. R. can be of service to you, it stands ready in the future, as it has in the past, to support and assist you. You know what the heart of the Commander-in-Chief is for you, and whatever he gives me to do for your organization I shall take pleasure in doing. It is a noble work in which you are engaged, that of keeping together the old soldiers. We regret that the old soldiers are not all members of the G. A. R., and we want your aid in getting them in. It is coming to a time when there are only a few of them left, and those who are left should stand shoulder to shoulder. I would like to speak to you more fully and freely, but I know that your Convention is about to close and that you have much to do before your session ends. I thank you in behalf of the Commander-in-Chief, and extend to you hearty greetings of the G. A. R.

Department President: We thank you for your words of cheer, and we know what the feelings of your Commander-in-Chief are and have been for us, and we hope that you will convey to him the greetings of 7,000 loyal women, ready for his command and for any work he may give us to do.

Capt. Armstrong was introduced to the Convention by the Department President, in response to which he said:

Mrs. President and Ladies of the Convention: This is home to me and this is our family, and therefore it is not information to you that I only belong to the business side of the G. A. R. If its representation depended on my ability to talk, it would be poorly represented indeed. However, it does not depend on me, for, from what I have heard this afternoon, the wife of the Commander-in-Chief is a natural born orator, whose

ability has been well demonstrated to this body. In referring to the business side of my connection, I must also say that the wife of the Commander-in-Chief is interested in the business side as well, as an incident of this afternoon will show. The Commander-in-Chief wanted to be present here this afternoon, but his duties would not permit, so I was detailed to escort Mrs. Torrence. I had the pleasure of going by way of the station to meet the train. A number of our good citizens were there with their greetings and some with their carriages. I prevailed upon the carriages to come this way, and said we would be waiting at the entrance here to join the wife of the Commander-in-Chief. When we arrived there was no carriage nor Mrs. Torrence to be found. After waiting about for some time I went in search of her and found her at the Board of Trade Building. I do not know how many shares of stock she purchased, but her visit there proves that she has the business interests at heart as well as the oratorical side.

Yesterday I was oppressed as I noticed how many of our members were missing at the annual encampment. The ranks are growing smaller, and in a few years, a very few years, there will be no representatives. I said to some comrade that soon we would be so scarce that we would be valuable. Ladies, I wish for you and for your officers that you continue to be what you have always been, the other half of the Order to which I belong.

Department President: We thank you for your words and for bringing us these honored guests, for we believe if it had not been for your efforts we might have been deprived of their visit.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Towler's remarks, the guests were escorted from the hall, the Convention rising, giving flag salute and singing "Rally 'Round the Flag."

Tellers reported:

Whole num	b	er	0	v	ot	es	CE	st					1	295
Necessary t														
Cook														
Ephlin														
Armstrong														
Lampher.														

Mrs. Ephlin was declared elected.

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the Convention for Belle Ephlin as first member of the Executive Board. Motion was carried, and Mrs. Ephlin was declared first member of the Executive Board.

It was moved and properly seconded that the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the Convention for Romaine Arm-

strong as second member of the Executive Board. Motion was carried, and she was declared second member of Executive Board.

Moved by Loretta Gorsuch, Past Department President, seconded by Laura Burr, Past Department President, that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Lydia Cook as third member of the Executive Board. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Mrs. Lampher as fourth member

of the Executive Board. Carried.

Moved by Laura Hess, Past Department President, that the Secretary be instructed to cast the entire vote of the Convention for Lizzie Mansfield as fifth member of the Executive Board. Seconded by Mary Travis, Past Department President. Carried.

Sarah Mendenhall was nominated for Delegate-at-Large by

Mary Dewey. Nomination seconded by Sarah M. Shaw.

It was moved by Mary Dewey, seconded by Sarah Shaw, that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Mrs. Mendenhall. Carried.

Nominations for Alternate-at-Large were then declared in order.

Mrs. Edwards nominated Kate Johnson, and was seconded

by Alice Davis, of Corps No. 60.

It was moved by Loretta Gorsuch, Past Department President, and seconded by Alice Pike, that the Secretary be instructed to cast the vote of the Convention for Mrs. Johnson. Carried.

The following nominations were made for Delegates to the National Convention, and properly seconded:

District No. 1 - Kate Conrad, Petersburg. District No. 2 - Lola M. Rose, Linton.

District No. 3 — Not entitled.

District No. 4 — Anna Swasinger, Greensburg.

District No. 5 - Not entitled.

District No. 6 — Alice Aldridge, Rushville. District No. 7 — Not entitled.

District No. 8 - Laura Crider, Alexandria.

District No. 9 - Not entitled.

District No. 10 - Lizzie Matchett, Fowler.

District No. 11 — Dora Orum, Warsaw.

District No. 12 — Lizzie Neal.

District No. 13 - Flora Smith, Bremen.

It was moved and properly seconded that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for the delegates named. This was done, and they were declared elected for their respective Districts.

Nominations for Alternates were then in order.

Committee on Courtesies escorted to the platform Department Commander Starr and Past Department Commander Travis.

The Department President introduced Commander Starr to the Convention.

Commander Starr: I am not known as a speaker, and where I am best known I am not asked to talk. I have, as you probably know, been elected Department Commander, and I am glad to come before the Ladies' Auxiliary of the G. A. R. as such an officer. I believe that you realize what my regards for this organization of yours are, and where I am well known my feelings are well known. I want to say to you that I am always at your service. I have been told that as soon as I got into office I would have trouble, but if this is a sample of the trouble, coming before such a body, I am happy to accept such trouble.

On behalf of Corps No. 45, the Department President presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to Commander Starr.

Past Department Commander Travis was introduced to the Convention, and made a few remarks:

Mr. Travis: Benjamin Starr is the star of Indiana, and we all have a claim on him. If he is as good as Garragus, he will be all right; and I can vouch for him that he will prove a true and honest friend. Ladies, I want to say to you that there is but one Auxiliary to the G. A. R., and I do look forward to the time when the Auxiliary to the G. A. R. and the Woman's Relief Corps will be one, as it should be. As a matter of fact, there is but the one Auxiliary, and it was so declared at St. Paul. I would like to talk further with you, but know that you have business on hand and wish to close.

A resolution was submitted to the Convention, thanking the Department Commander for his kind words and interest in the Woman's Relief Corps. Adopted by a rising vote.

The comrades were presented with Convention badges and escorted to the door by the Committee on Courtesies, amid the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" and the waving of over three hundred small flags.

Mrs. Mendenhall resigned as Delegate-at-Large. moved by Nettie Ransford, Past Department President, and

properly seconded, that the resignation be accepted.

It was moved by Nettie Ransford, Past Department President, and properly seconded, that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Mary Dewey as Delegate-at-Large. Carried.

The Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions read her report, and, by vote, each Resolution was read and acted upon.

Resolution No. 1 was read:

WHEREAS, For a number of years the Grand Army of the Republic of this Department accumulated and held, for the use of the Woman's Relief Corps, a fund known as the Christmas Fund, with which to purchase presents for the children of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home at Knightstown; and,

WHEREAS, At the Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the G. A. R. at Columbus, May 19, 1898, a resolution was adopted, to transfer the said fund

to the Woman's Relief Corps; and,

WHEREAS, Since said transfer was made, the Grand Army officials of the Department have made very little, if any, effort to keep up the fund by calling upon the Posts for donations, and, many Posts, not knowing where to send their donations, have sent them to the Superintendent of the Home, while a larger per cent. of the Posts have made no donation at all: therefore

Resolved, 1st, That the incoming Department President shall transfer the Christmas Fund to the proper officials of the Grand Army of the Republic of this Department, to be held, as formerly, in trust, for the use of the Woman's Relief Corps of this Department, and for no other purpose.

Resolved, 2d, That a copy of these resolutions be sent by the incoming Department President to the incoming Department Commander of the G. A. R., with a request that he will notify all Posts of the Department of this action, and at the proper time request their donations sent to the Assistant Quartermaster General of the Department.

Fraternally,

MARY D. TRAVIS.

Approved by Committee.

Moved by Nettie Ransford, Past Department President, and properly seconded, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Resolution No. 2 was read.

WHEREAS, The Departments of this great organization, the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, are making use, in the work of Departments, of a cash book, identical with the one in use of Corps; and,

Whereas, The needs of a Department are vastly different from those of a Corps, and this book has proven a source of serious trouble to the Department Treasurer—much must be added, much must be erased, before the book becomes adequate to the use of the Department; therefore be it

Resolved, 1st, That the Department of Indiana, Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, now in the Nineteenth Annual Convention assembled, in Indianapolis, Ind., on this 30th day of May, 1902, do most urgently request that the National organization of the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, will appoint a committee to devise a cash book, suitable and adequate to the demands of the Departments.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

LAVINIA G. YOUNG,

Corps No. 84, Frankfort,

ALICE LAMAR, Corps No. 45,

Nat'l Asst. Inspector.

Dept. Treasurer.

Approved by Committee.

Moved by Melissa Caylor, Past Department President, and seconded by Agnes Smith, that report be adopted.

Resolution No. 3 was read:

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Department President to report to this Convention, each year, her official acts, and all decisions rendered by her or by the Department Counselor.

NETTIE RANSFORD,

Past Department President.

Approved by Committee,

Moved by Nettie Ransford, Past Department President, and properly seconded, that the report be concurred in. Lost.

Resolution No. 4 was read:

WHEREAS, It is the policy of this Department to reduce the expenses of the Department wherever possible;

Resolved, That the expense of the Visiting Committee to the S. and S. O. Home be limited to the purchasing and distribution of gifts.

Approved by Committee.

Moved by Mary D. Travis, Past Department President, properly seconded, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Resolution No. 5 was read:

Whereas, The Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Indiana . recognizes that the Posts of the G. A. R. must soon cease to exist for want of sufficient numbers living in many localities to hold together the Posts under present Rules and Regulations; therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention recommend to the National W. R. C., at its next National Convention, the adoption of a measure providing for the admission of Comrades to the meetings of the W. R. C., and that a committee be appointed to prepare and present the resolution to that body.

MERIBAH E. WALKER, Corps No. 222.

Approved by Committee.

Moved by Agnes Smith, and properly seconded, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Resolution No. 6 was read:

Resolved, That we, in Convention assembled, do protest against the action of many of our public schools in converting Memorial Day into a day of athletic sports, believing that it should be held in sacred reverence as a day set apart especially in memory of our honored dead.

Resolved, That the Patriotic Instructors of the several Corps be authorized to remonstrate with the several County Superintendents against the sending of athletic associations to our capital city on Memorial Day, for

field-day exercises.

Approved by Committee.

Moved by Mary D. Travis, Past Department President, and properly seconded, that the report be concurred in. Carried.

Resolution No. 7 was read:

Resolved, That the reports of the Department officers be type-written, and that women with good voices be appointed to read them, in order that the delegates may have the benefit of the reading.

Approved by Committee.

Moved by Nettie Ransford, Past Department President, that the report of the committee be adopted. Lost.

Resolution No. 8 was read:

Resolved, That the Department President, Mrs. Swain, be delegated to bear the thanks of the Convention to the unknown friend who so generously contributed to the Christmas fund, thereby enabling the President to replace the amount belonging to that fund.

Approved by the Committee.

Moved by Anna Snyder and properly seconded, that the report be concurred in. Carried.

Resolution No. 9 was read:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be extended to the Starr Piano Co. for the use of the piano placed in the hall for the benefit of the Convention.

Approved by the Committee.

It was moved by Agnes Smith, and properly seconded, that the report be concurred in. Carried.

The following nominations were made for Alternates to the National Convention, and properly seconded:

District No. 1 - Marie Schwaner.

District No. 2-

District No. 3 - Not entitled.

District No. 4 - Jennie Burres, Westport.

District No. 5 - Not entitled.

District No. 6 — Emma Druley, Middletown.

District No. 7 - Not entitled.

District No. 8-

District No. 9 - Not entitled.

District No. 10 — Josephine Bennett, Lafayette.

District No. 11 — Ella Wasmuch, Roanoke.

District No. 12 - Mary Scott.

District No. 13 — Flora Mashino, Hammond.

Comrade McDonald was escorted to the platform by the Committee on Courtesies, and introduced to the Department President.

He was introduced to the Convention and spoke quite briefly, saying:

Mrs. President and Ladies of the Convention: I do not want to detain you very long. I just wanted to know if you had been invited to the Governor's parlor to-night. If you have not, I extend to you all an invitation to be present to-night in the Governor's parlor at the State House. That is all I have to say. God bless you all.

The Department Secretary read the minutes of the Department Council.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING.

LOGANSPORT, May 16, 1901.

The Department Council met in the parlor of the Barnett Hotel at 7:30 p. M., with ten members present. The meeting was called to order by the Department President, Mary E. Swain.

Minutes of the afternoon session were read by Assistant Secretary Josephine K. Thomas, and approved by those present.

An Auditing Committee was selected from the Executive Board, as follows: Rose Pickering, chairman; Laura Hines and Hettie M. Forkner.

The Council decided that the patriotic work be left entirely in the hands of the Department Patriotic Instructor, Eliza J. Crisler.

No further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

MARY E. SWAIN,
Dept. President.

KATE SCOTT, Dept. Secretary.

MINUTES OF SECOND MEETING OF DEPARTMENT COUNCIL.

Indianapolis, May 12, 1902.

Second Council meeting was called to order by the Department President, Mary E. Swain, in headquarters room, Hotel English, 5 P. M., with the following members present:

Department President, Mary E. Swain.

Department Senior Vice-President, Lizzie W. Brown.

Department Secretary, Kate Scott.

Department Treasurer, Alice Lamar.

Members of Department Executive Board, Lydia McComb, Lou S. Havens.

Minutes of first Council meeting were read and approved.

The Department President reported that, during this administration, charges had been preferred against the Rensselaer Corps, No. 39, by the Post; they also demanded that their charter be revoked.

The Department President, accompanied by Department Commander Garrigus and A. A. G. R. M. Smock, visited Rensselaer, called a meeting of Post and Corps, and after a thorough investigation found the charges could not be sustained. The case was then placed in the hands of the Judge Advocate of the G. A. R. for action.

A motion was made by Lou S. Havens, seconded by Lydia McComb, that the action of the Department President be approved by the Council. Motion carried.

The Department President reported that a part of the supplies received from a disbanded Corps had been sent to Beeson Corps, No. 128, their supplies having been destroyed by fire.

Approved by the Council.

No further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

MARY E. SWAIN, Dept. President.

KATE SCOTT, Dept. Secretary.

Since Convention, word has been received that the charter of the Rensselaer Post has been recalled.

It was moved by Loretta Gorsuch, Past Department President, and seconded by Sarah White, that the minutes be approved. Carried.

The reading of the questions in the question box was then resumed.

25. Corps X. gave an entertainment. Mrs. A., a member, sold a number of tickets, but failed to make returns to proper committee. When questioned in regard to the matter, she stated that she had given the money to Mrs. B., an officer of the Corps. Mrs. B. denies having received any money from Mrs. A. What action, if any, should the Corps take in regard to such a matter?

Ans. This is a very delicate matter to handle. Mrs. A. and Mrs. B. are the parties who can settle it, as it is a question of veracity between them. Corps have been wrecked by just such things, and, rather than this, you had better lose the money.

26. Can one member of a committee report on a candidate?

Ans. No. There must be two members to report on an application for membership.

This completed the questions in the box.

It was moved by Mary D. Travis, and seconded by Melissa Caylor, Past Department President, that a rising vote of thanks be extended to the Department President for her faithful work during the year, and for the fairness and justness with which she has conducted this Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be extended to the Department President for the efficient manner in which she has managed the affairs of the Department, and especially for her efforts which resulted in the reimbursement of the Christmas fund.

Heartily approved by Committee.

The Department President suggested that a rising vote of thanks be given to the friends who provided the hall for Convention use.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be extended to the citizens' financial committee, for check with which to meet the rent of this hall during the Convention.

Approved by the Committee.

It was moved by Agnes Hitt, and properly seconded, that the Convention proceed immediately to the installation of new officers. Carried. Convention then proceeded to the installation of officers, National President, Calista Robinson Jones, acting as installing officer.

The following officers were installed:

Department President, Etta E. Houk.

Department Senior Vice-President, Sarah C. White.

Department Junior Vice-President, Belle Ingersoll.

Department Chaplain, Sarah Adair.

Department Secretary, Sallie M. Hines.

Department Treasurer, Dr. Mabel Teague.

Department Counselor, Mary D. Travis.

Department I. and I. Officer, Maria L. Schlater.

Department Inspector, Agnes Smith.

Department Patriotic Instructor, Eliza J. Crisler.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textit{Executive Board} - \text{Belle W. Ephlin}, & \text{Romaine Armstrong, Lydia Cook, Alice Lampher, Lizzie Mansfield.} \\ \end{tabular}$

Department President appointed as Committee on Testimonial: Agnes Hitt, Mary D. Travis, Mary M. Sims.

Etta E. Houk, Department President, then declared the Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Indiana, closed.

Greetings.

Bradford, Vt., May 13, 1902.

MARY E. SWAIN, Department President of Indiana W. R. C.:

Greetings and congratulations for the Department of Indiana, W. R. C.

MARY ELLEN CONANT,

National Secretary.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 7, 1902.

To the members of Convention I send greetings and God-speed. May your deliberations be guided by wisdom, love and charity, always keeping in mind the cause for which we are banded together and the upbuilding of our work.

I am denied the pleasure of meeting with you, but will be with you in spirit, and trust you may have a Convention of profit as well as pleasure.

With kindest love for each and every one, I am, as ever.

Very sincerely, in F., C. and L.,

IDA S. MCBRIDE.

Report of Matron of State Soldiers' Home.

LAFAYETTE, IND., May 1, 1902.

Mrs. President and Ladies of Convention, Department of Indiana, Woman's Relief Corps:

The Home is now entering upon the seventh year since its doors were opened for the admission of the veterans and their wives. Many are with us who came to the Home at that time, which speaks well for the institution. This is the most beautiful time of the year at the Home, as the woods, flowers and birds are sending forth their leaves and songs—making all feel the power and love, "more fully than all else," that the loving Father is watching over all his children.

We are at last installed in the new hospital, where the facilities for caring for our sick are much improved. At the present time we have 51 patients in the hospital, the capacity of hospital being 100. Nurses are now employed in caring for the sick, and more will be employed as the demand increases. We are again looking forward to the meeting of the next Legislature, as the Board will again ask for the appropriation for the Widows' Home, in which we certainly hope to be successful. We expect to hear much complaint, as the warm weather comes on, from the widows, in regard to their crowded quarters, as there is no class of members who have so little comfort in quarters as the widows, and it is absolutely impossible for us to improve their condition at this time. We will also ask for an appropriation for a central heating plant, as the danger from fire in the cottages from the use of stoves is increasing; already we have had several fires. The older members forget to properly care for their stoves, and constant vigilance must be kept, and even then we are not able to prevent fire. Our coal bill this year ran up into the thousands, and at this rate we could save the price of a plant in a few years. We certainly need these improvements, and hope you may be interested in this matter and lend us your aid where it is possible to do so. A few words here and there have gained many a point.

We have met with a sad calamity, in the Street Car Company removing their line from the Home grounds and placing it on the river road, or what is known as the "trail." This change makes a serious problem, not to our people alone, but to visitors, as this necessitates climbing the hill at all times, and the transferring of our people to and from Lafayette. We have heard nothing definite as to whether they will run a switch up the hill for the benefit of the Home.

We have at the present time members on the roll, 438 men and 314 women, making a total membership of 752.

MATRON'S DEPARTMENT.

Garments purchased and disbursed to non-pensioners \$7 38
Garments purchased and disbursed to hospital
Visits made to sick members
Meal orders issued to sick members
Requisition issued for commissary supplies
Number of inspections of cottages
Complaints and differences adjusted
DETAIL BY WOMEN.
Number pieces linen made, 2,119, value
Detail at hospital
Detail at old people's home
Detail at main kitchen
Detail at repairing
Total value of work for the year

DONATIONS FROM THE W. R. C.

Fruits for sick received.										. 391 quarts
Jellies for sick								ï		· 287 glasses

All donations from W. R. C. duly acknowledged by me by letter.

I wish to render my sincere thanks to the ladies of the many Relief Corps for their liberality and for the fine quality of fruits and jelly sent to the Home this year for our sick members, and I can most heartily assure you of their appreciation, and say to you that your cherries and peaches were just what the sick enjoyed most—they seemed to be just what their appetites craved; and I again thank you in their name, and hope that you will still remember them.

Our Good Templars are still doing much good work in their lodge—many names being added to their roll this year.

Our G. A. R. Post, Jasper Packard, No. 589, will attend in a body the dedication of our beautiful monument, which is the pride of every Indiana soldier. Our Post has been entertaining us this winter with camp-fires each month, which has added much to the enjoyment of our people.

I must not forget to speak of our Soldiers' Home Sunday School; we have about 40 children enrolled on the books. These little ones come from the surrounding country, as far away as two miles, and some of them never miss one Sunday of being in their places. This year we prepared a Christmas tree for them, and it did our old people a world of good to see their

sweet, bright faces, and to hear their cheery voices sing out the glad tidings of peace on earth, good will to men; and when Old Santa made his appearance with his store of good things for each and every one, it was hard to tell which were enjoying it most—the children or the old people; how their old faces brightened, as memory came back of other days, with visions of little ones gathered around on those happy Christmas times, and as Santa disappeared up the chimney, a line of little white figures silently followed after, disappeared from sight, and making one feel as if angels were hovering near. Our members take great interest in teaching and instructing these little ones, and the school is quite a success.

Decoration Day will soon be with us, and we will again pay a tribute of love and respect to our heroic dead. Many have been added to the roll in our little cemetery this year, and as we weave garlands of flowers, we think in loving remembrance of those who walked so recently by our side — who have answered the last roll-call, the last gun is fired, the last bugle call has been sounded—telling us the light has gone out on this side of life, but made brighter on the other side, where sorrows are no more. We invite the little children of our Sunday School to assist us in this work, teaching them to love and reverence those who gave their lives, that home, country and the old flag might ever be free. May the loving Father ever watch over them.

This year we have lost by death 25 men and 16 women, making a total number buried in our Home cemetery, 137.

The following donations received from Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Indiana, for the year ending May 1, 1902:

May 22, 1901—Shilo Field, No. 5: 2 boxes magazines, 1 old lady's bonnet.

October 4, 1901 — Blinn, No. 144: 12 qts. fruit; value, \$3.00.

October 5, 1901 — McPherson, No. 74: 60 qts. fruit; value, \$15.00.

October 12, 1901 — Duvall, No. 60: 34 qts. fruit, 39 glasses of jelly; value, \$11.00.

November 4, 1901 — Berlin, No. 186: 34 glasses of jelly, 5 qts. fruit, 5 pints fruit.

November 6, 1901 — Chaplain Brown, No. 24: 14 qts. fruit, 8 glasses of jelly, books and papers; value, \$6.00.

November 15, 1901 — Jacob Stahl, No. 124: 38 qts. fruit; value, \$9.50. November 25, 1901 — Major May, No. 70: 18 qts. fruit, 5 glasses jelly.

November 25, 1901 — Jesse S. Ogden, No. 112: 20 qts. fruit, 1 pint fruit, 9 glasses jelly; value, \$6.00.

December 1, 1901 — Geo. H. Chapman, No. 10: 1 quilt.

December 1, 1901—Hardzog, No. 36: 25 glasses jelly, 38 qts. fruit, 2 cushions, 1 head-rest, 2 pints wine; value, \$12.00.

December 1, 1901 — Joe Cook, No. 121: 20 glasses jelly.

December 4, 1901 — Lookout, No. 72: 20 glasses jelly, 36 qts. fruit, old linen; value, \$15.00.

December 7, 1901 — Joseph R. Gordon, No. 43: 11 glasses jelly, 1 pint jelly.

December 11, 1901 — Cambridge City, No. 151: 11 qts. fruit, 1 quilt, 1 pair blankets.

December 24, 1901 — Williams, No. 119: 20 qts. fruit, 9 glasses jelly; value, \$8.00.

December 24, 1901 — Maj. Robert Anderson, No. 44: 1 quilt.

December 26, 1901 — Isham Keith, No. 199: 34 glasses jelly, 3 qts. fruit, 4 pints fruit, 1 quilt, 1 cushion; value, \$7.15.

December 30, 1901 — Blankenship, No. 216: 13 cushions, 10 head-rests. December 30, 1901 — F. D. Matthews, No. 4: 10 qts. fruit; value, \$2.50. January 3, 1902 — Leslie, No. 115: 17 cushions, 2 head-rests.

January 7, 1902—Lookout Mountain, No. 232: 12 cushions, 2 headrests.

January 21, 1902 — Stone River, No. 84: 32 qts. fruit, 12 glasses jelly, 1 cushion, 2 bottles wine.

January 21, 1902 — Gen. John A. Logan, No. 19: 20 qts. fruit, 14 glasses jelly; value, \$6.40.

January 21, 1902 — Auten, No. 14: 20 glasses jelly, 2 qts. fruit. January 27, 1902 — Erwin, No. 107: 16 qts. fruit, 4 glasses jelly. March 20, 1902 — Magnolia, No. 143: 15 qts. fruit, 9 glasses jelly. April 28, 1902 — Morton, No. 11: 1 qt. jelly, 2 cushions.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,

LAURA E. INGERSOLL,

Matron I. S. S. Home.

In Memoriam.

Anna Ward, Corps No. 163, Warsaw, February 9, 1901. Anna B. Goodly, Corps No. 155, Sullivan, April 21, 1901. Sarah Crowder, Corps No. 155, Sullivan, June 2, 1901. Cyrena Rupel, Corps No. 193, North Liberty, August 4, 1901. Emma Hilton, Corps No. 7, Ft. Wayne, August 5, 1901. Martha E. Shea, Corps No. 62, Knightstown, August 19, 1901. Marrietta Fowler, Corps No. 84, Frankfort, October 18, 1901. Thesta A. Ross, Corps No. 20, Indianapolis, October, 1901. Agnes Pulliam, Corps No. 11, Terre Haute, October 26, 1901. Maggie Waters, Corps No. 7, Ft. Wayne, November 22, 1901. Esther Vail, Corps No. 16, Laporte, November, 1901. Melissa Darby, Corps No. 206, Brownsburg, December 19, 1901. Lizzie D. Yager, Corps No. 11, Terre Haute, January 26, 1902. Ella Backenger, Corps No. 199, Columbus, February 6, 1902. Mary A. Clark, Corps No. 81, Star City, February, 1902. Eliza Denny, Corps No. 11, Terre Haute, February 27, 1902. Amanda Anderson, Corps No. 54, Sheridan, March 27, 1902. Gertrude Mitchell, Corps No. 96, New Castle, April, 1902. Elizabeth Edwards, Corps No. 45, Richmond, May 2, 1902.

General Orders.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 1.

RICHMOND, INDIANA, May 20, 1901.

Having received of the Eighteenth Department Convention, Woman's Relief Corps, the honor of being called to fill the chief executive chair for the ensuing year, I hereby assume the duties of the office, fully realizing the great responsibilities of the position.

Headquarters are established at 100 South Ninth Street, Richmond, Indiana.

The following officers are announced:

Kate Scott, Richmond, Ind., Department Secretary.

Alice Lamar, Richmond, Ind., Department Treasurer.

Mary McCorkle Sims, Frankfort, Ind., Department Counselor.

Emma Fisher, Cicero, Ind., Department Chaplain.

Other officers will be announced in future General Orders.

All Official Communications and Reports should be addressed to Kate Scott, Department Secretary, 100 South Ninth Street; and all orders for and communications in regard to Supplies, should be addressed to Alice Lamar, Department Treasurer, 100 South Ninth Street, Richmond, Ind.

Sunday, May 26th, is Memorial Day. I would urge upon every member to keep it sacred by attending Memorial services.

Give the children a part in Decoration Day services; in this way, enlist their sympathy for patriotism and love of country. And do not let us forget the graves of our own deceased members, but wreathe for them a garland of flowers in loving remembrance of the past.

Corps Chaplains are requested to forward promptly, through their Corps Presidents, the Memorial Day Reports to Emma Fisher, Department Chaplain, Cicero, Ind.

By command of

MARY E. SWAIN,

KATE SCOTT,

Department President.

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 2.

RICHMOND, INDIANA, June 12, 1901.

I. At the Eighteenth Department Convention, held in Logansport, May 15th and 16th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President — Mary E. Swain, Richmond. Senior Vice-President — Lizzie W. Brown, Logansport. Junior Vice-President — Laura Lower, North Manchester. Treasurer — Alice Lamar, Richmond. Chaplain — Emma Fisher, Cicero.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Rose Pickering, Middletown. Laura Hines, Hagerstown. Hettie Forkner, Anderson. Lydia McComb, Warsaw. Lou S. Havens, Rushville.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Secretary — Kate Scott, Richmond.

Inspector — Clara Hess, Westville.

Counselor — Mary McCorkle Sims, Frankfort.

Instituting and Installing Officer — Mary E. Little, Evansville.

Patriotic Instructor — Eliza J. Crisler, Greensburg.

Press Correspondent — Josephine K. Thomas, Danville.

DELEGATES.

The following Delegates and Alternates were elected to National Convention:

Delegate-at-Large — Clemenza McDonald, Columbia City. Alternate-at-Large — Julia E. Smith, South Bend.

DELEGATES.

Mary A. Brinkman, Mt. Vernon.
Henriette E. Perry, Elletsville.
Sallie Schray, New Albany.
Martha Winteroud, Lawrenceburg.
Martha H. Little, Greencastle.
Ella D. Zinn, Indianapolis.
Sarah Adair, Elwood.
Lavinia G. Young, Frankfort.
Mary E. Martin, Boswell.
Esther Vail, LaPorte.

ALTERNATES.

Kate Conrad, Petersburg.
Samantha Young, Vincennes.
Nannie Bowman, Jeffersonville.
Missouri Moberly, Greensburg.
Gurlie K. Burgess, Terre Haute.
Arabella Slifer, Greenfield.
Mary Kelly, Muncie.
Anna Tucker, Noblesville.
Ella Hopkins, Rensselaer.
Flora Smith, Bremen.

VISITING COMMITTEE S. AND S. O. HOME.

Mary D. Travis, Crawfordsville. Josephine Comstock, Richmond. Maria Daugherty, Indianapolis.

AIDS.

Belle W. Ephlin, Chief of Staff, Tangier.

Anna Hadley, Danville.
Ida Poinier, Lafayette.
Louise Prosser, Auburn.
Anna Criss, Brazil.
Ella Caswell, Crown Point.
Lizzie Crather, LaGrange.
Clara Griggs, Goodland.
Nettie Eastman, Shoals.
Jennie Ludlow, Veedersburg.
Ella Waldon, Indianapolis.
Margaret McCoskey, Lawrenceburg.
Helen Lamar, Churubusco.
Maria Chittenden, Centerville.
Rebecca Nichols, Lynn.
Gertrude Shea, Knightstown.

Mary A. Braddock, Wheeling.
Elsie Turner, Jeffersonville.
Lottie S. Drapier, Valparaiso.
Eva Ginger, Ridgeville.
Kate Hawthorne, Winchester.
Ella Nye, Liberty.
Angie Mahan, Terre Haute.
Laura J. Kalter, Kokomo.
Margaret Deacon, New Carlisle.
Julia A. Healey, Rensselaer.
Sarah A. Demree, Dublin.
Hattie Gochenour, Roann.
Mae Moffett, Hartford City.
Mary C. Brean, Vincennes.

- II. These officers, elected and appointed, having entered upon their duties, will be obeyed and respected accordingly.
- III. Aids should not consider their appointment as simply honorary. The work of the Aids is an important one: 1st, their duties are to report monthly to headquarters; 2d, to strengthen and help weak Corps within their reach; 3d, to familiarize themselves with the work, so that they may be ready to organize new, or help in the reorganization of disbanded ones, and render any other assistance the Department President may require of them.

Aids are entitled to a commission, with the seal of the Department.

Aids desiring information regarding their work will address Chief of Staff, Belle W. Ephlin, Tangier.

I would advise Aids, as far as possible, to purchase their badges; they can do so through their own Corps Treasurer.

- IV. Secretary and Treasurer blank Reports, for quarter ending June 30, accompany this General Order. Corps Presidents are earnestly requested to examine these Reports carefully and see that they are correct, before signing them.
- V. Only those Corps whose reports are received on or before July 5th, and need no correction, will be placed on the Roll of Honor.

- VI. The blanks for Corps Presidents, "Form 00," are enclosed herewith. Corps Presidents must carefully fill out and return one of these Reports to Department Inspector, Clara Hess, Westville, at once.
- VII. Corps Presidents are urgently requested to appoint a Committee of three on Patriotic Instruction, and forward the names to Department Patriotic Instructor, Eliza J. Crisler, Greensburg. Let this part of our work be done with more enthusiasm than ever before.
- VIII. I would also urge the appointment of a Press Correspondent, to Corps who have not already done so, that all items of interest pertaining to our Order may be sent to the Department Press Correspondent, Josephine K. Thomas, Danville. This is one way by which we may keep the aims and objects of our work before the public.
- IX. Orders for Past Officers' Badges can now be filled at any time by writing to Department Treasurer, Alice Lamar, and sending price of badge, 37 cents, and 2 cents for postage.
- X. All Past Officers and Aids who have not done so, will return promptly to Department Headquarters their badges.
- XI. District Presidents will decide as soon as possible on time of holding District Convention, and report at once to Department Headquarters; also communicate to Assistant Adjutant General, R. M. Smock, Headquarters G. A. R., Room 25, State House, Indianapolis, in order that joint camp-fires may be arranged for.
- XII. Corps not using the Requisition Blanks, I would advise that they procure them at once from Headquarters; there you will find to a penny the amount to send for supplies, and do not forget postage. In our experience of less than a month, orders have come to us without one cent to pay postage or express. It is not right, and causes the Department Treasurer needless work and correspondence.
- XIII. Corps Chaplains who have not yet sent in their Memorial Day Reports, will forward them at once to Department Chaplain, Emma Fisher, Cicero.
- XIV. Not having received the Report and Decisions of the Eighteenth Department Convention, held at Logansport, they will, with additional appointments, be promulgated in next General Order.
 - XV. The new Department Pass-Word accompanies this General Order.

By command of

MARY E. SWAIN,

KATE SCOTT,

Department President.

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 3.

RICHMOND, INDIANA, July 20, 1901.

- I. The following decisions of the Eighteenth Department Convention are herein promulgated:
- That some means be considered whereby the "Deficit in the Christmas Fund" shall be restored.

That a committee be appointed, consisting of five Past Department Presidents, to carefully examine accounts, receipts and expenditures, and recommend to the next Department Convention some means by which expenses may be lessened, so that they shall not exceed receipts.

- In view of the fact that the finances of the Department are exceedingly low, the following recommendations are adopted:
- II. That the expenses of the Department President, in the Department work, be limited to \$100; this not to include expenses to National Convention or Testimonial.
- III. That the Department Treasurer be required to give bond to the amount of \$2,000.
- IV. That the Department President be given full authority to have bound the National and Department journals in separate volumes, two of each—one to be kept in the W. R. C. Headquarters, and one sent to Department Headquarters of the G. A. R.
- V. That this Department earnestly urge upon all whose duty it is to make appointments to positions in the Soldiers' Homes of this State, to give preference to a soldier or his family, other things being equal.
- VI. That the Eighteenth Convention, Department of Indiana, present to the National Convention, to be held in Cleveland in September, 1901, the following for consideration: "That the prices of supplies, mentioned on 'Requisition Slips,' be raised sufficiently to pay postage."
- VII. That as the year ends with the quarter March 31st, that a supplementary report be made of all receipts and expenditures, as has been the custom before this year.
- 3. The report of Committee on Senior Vice-President's Report approve the suggestions of the Senior Vice-President, calling attention to the law.
- VIII. That the District work is the special work of the Senior Vice-President, and to her all reports and matters appertaining should be forwarded.

They also offered the following recommendations:

That the Senior Vice-President prepare a letter of instructions, order of business, and furnish each District President with a copy, and request that

reports of Conventions be sent to her without delay. This letter to be approved by the Department President.

IX. That the Department President appoint an Inspector for each District Convention, thereby receiving uniformity in Ritualistic work.

X. In order that there may be a further reduction of expenses in the Department, it was decided that each Corps pay their own inspection expenses, regardless of membership.

XI. That each district have an Assistant Inspector, or as many assistants as are necessary.

XII. That the District Inspector make an itemized report, with the apportionment of the Corps of the district, to the Department Inspector, that she approve this report and forward the amount to the Department President, who, in her next General Order, shall give the amount of the apportionment of the different districts; Corps Presidents then forward amount to Department Treasurer, who shall pay Inspectors.

4. Corps Presidents will bear in mind that at the first regular meeting in August delegates are elected to the District Convention in the following ratio: Corps of 13 members or less, one delegate; Corps of 25 members, two delegates; Corps of 50 members, four delegates, and so on, two delegates for every twenty-five members, and one more for a final fraction of over one-half

That Corps Presidents instruct their Secretaries to forward the names of Corps and Delegates to the District Secretary before the meeting of the District Convention.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS.

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	Place of Meeting.
No.	1—Rose Stratman, Huntingburg Princeton
"	2—Lola M. Rose Vincennes
"	3—Flora Berkey, Salem Jeffersonville
"	4—Margarent Glenn, Greensburg Aurora
"	5—Lizzie Stratton, Sullivan Terre Haute
	6—Lou S. Havens, Rushville Rushville
	7—Maria French, Pittsboro Indianapolis
"	8—Maud Howard, Montpelier Farmland
"	9-Emma McCord, Veedersburg (Mary J. Miller, resigned) . Frankfort
"	10-Viola Thornton, Rensselaer Lafayette
"	11-Jean W. Ward, Warsaw
"	12—Mollie Mott, Elkhart Elkhart
"	13-Martha M. Smith, South Bend Hammond
	District No. 6 will hold their Convention September 25; District No. 4,
Oct	ober 1; District No. 13, October 10.

5. National Delegates not expecting to attend the National Convention will report to headquarters at once, so that vacancies may be filled.

Delegates to National Convention will receive their Credential Cards with next General Order.

- 6. Corps Presidents, your attention is called to the great number of suspended members on quarterly reports, as we lose many valuable members in this way every year. I earnestly request that these members be visited by the proper officers, and every means used for their reinstatement.
- 7. The following Corps are placed upon the "Roll of Honor," having sent in their reports by July 5:

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 51, 54, 57, 59, 60, 61, 62, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 74, 77, 78, 83, 84, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 100, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 110, 112, 115, 116, 118, 119, 121, 124, 125, 126, 130, 131, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 140, 142, 143, 144, 146, 149, 151, 154, 155, 160, 162, 163, 165, 166, 168, 179, 180, 183, 184, 186, 188, 191, 194, 195, 199, 206, 210, 212, 215, 219, 220, 221, 224, 225, 229, 231, 234, 236, 238, 239, 240, 241.

It is with regret that we are compelled to announce the following as delinquent:

Nos. 8, 21, 38, 52, 58, 63, 64, 69, 81, 95, 108, 111, 113, 114, 117, 120, 127, 128, 129, 132, 138, 148, 150, 167, 173, 175, 177, 187, 192, 193, 196, 200, 201, 203, 205, 209, 211, 213, 214, 216, 222, 227, 230, 232, 233, 237.

- 8. Corps Treasurers will please bear in mind that "money orders" are made payable to the Department Treasurer, and not Department President or Secretary.
- 9. Donations have been received for Memorial Day Fund from the following Corps: Simonson, No. 236, \$1.00; John P. Baird, No. 133, \$1.00; Worden, No. 149, \$2.00; Frank Neff, No. 155, 50 cents; Magnolia, No. 143, 50 cents; James H. Emmet, No. 8, \$1.00; Stephen Bailey, No. 77, \$1.00. National W. R. C. Home Fund: Williams, No. 119, \$10. Monument Fund: General Shunk, No. 63, \$2.00.
- 10. The journal for the Eighteenth Department Convention has not yet been received at headquarters.
- 11. Thanks are due to A. A. G. R. M. Smock for General Orders received; also for journal of the Twenty-second Annual Session of the Department of Indiana, G. A. R.
- 12. The Nineteenth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, second week in September. Headquarters will be established at the Hollenden Hotel, Monday afternoon, Sept. 9.
- 13. An invitation has been received and accepted from Department Commander Garrigus to join the headquarters train at Winchester.
 - 14. Further particulars will be given in next General Order.

- 15. Four more Department officers can be accommodated with lodging in the Department Headquarters at the Hollenden Hotel, if notice is sent to us at once.
- 16. Corps President's Report, "Form 00," has caused some confusion. It simply means, one filled out and sent to the Department Inspector, the other filed as Corps property by the Corps Secretary.
- 17. Those who have been appointed Aids, and can not serve, will please notify the Department President at once.
- 18. There are 277 Posts without Corps. Can Aids realize for one moment what it would mean to our grand order if there were a Corps for each and every one of these posts? If so, who will be the first Aid to institute a new Corps?
- 19. But two of the Past Aids badges have been returned. I now make a second request for them. If not complied with, the Department must necessarily go to the expense of procuring others. Do not delay.
- 20. Mary E. Watson, of Rensselaer, has been appointed Aid, to take the place of Julia Healey; Emma Gochenour in place of Hattie Gochenour, of Roann.
- 21. It is proper that all changes made in Corps officers be reported to Department headquarters, but it will be impossible to note changes in Roster, as no new Corps Roster will be issued before 1902.
- 22. The Department Patriotic Instructor, Eliza J. Crisler, kindly consented to appoint her own assistants, who are as follows:

District	No. 1—Kate Koonrod, No. 146 Petersburg
"	" 2-Jennie Jackson, No. 92 Bloomington
"	" 3—Etta E. Houk, No. 195 Scottsburg
	" 4—Fannie Hubbart, No. 93 Aurora
"	" 5-Belle Bishop, No. 3 Brazil
"	" 6-Mary Waldron, No. 96 New Castle
"	" 7—Helen Thompson, No. 196 W. Indianapolis
"	" 8-Laura M. Crider, No. 200 Alexandria
"	" 9-Anna Tucker, No. 72 Noblesville
"	"10-Elizabeth Powers, No. 37 Rensselaer
"	"11-Laura J. Kalter, No. 94 Kokomo
"	"12—Sue W. Hart, No. 5 Elkhart
"	"13-Flora Mashino, No. 136 Hammond
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- 23. Corps who have not sent in Quarterly Reports, I beg of you to send them in at once. The number of delinquents seems almost a disgrace to the Woman's Relief Corps of Indiana. It certainly must be from carelessness on the part of Corps officers.
 - 24. Roster of new Department officers accompany this General Order.
 - 25. Jesse Adams Corps, No. 209, New Haven, disbanded May 11, 1901.

- 26. I desire that Corps Presidents see to it that at least two reports are forwarded to the Department Press Correspondent during the year, giving a full account of their work.
- 27. And would recommend that each Corps in the State give one entertainment during the year for the benefit of the National W. R. C. Home at Madison, Ohio. By command of

MARY E. SWAIN,

KATE SCOTT,

Department President.

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 4.

RICHMOND, INDIANA, August 28, 1901.

- I. The Nineteenth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will be held in Cleveland, Ohio.
- II. The first session will be called to order promptly at 9:30, Thursday morning, September 12th, 1901, in the First M. E. Church, Euclid Avenue and Erie Street.
- III. All members entitled to vote are urged to be prompt in attendance.
- IV. Delegates and members will procure the National Password from their own Corps President, before leaving home.
- V. Department Headquarters of Indiana Woman's Relief Corps will be established at the Hollenden Hotel, Room 208.
- VI. Delegates are requested, immediately on their arrival in the city, to report at headquarters.
- VII. An informal reception will be held by the W. R. C. and G. A. R. of the Department at Indiana Headquarters, Room 208, Tuesday evening, from 7 to 8. All friends are most cordially invited to attend this reception.

National Delegates will be expected to be in their place at Convention, and in justice to the District that pays their expenses, nothing but illness should excuse them from attending every meeting of the Session.

VIII. The Reception Committee in charge of Department Headquarters, during the Convention, will be:

Tuesday: Clemenza McDonald, Lavinia G. Young and Martha H. Little.

Wednesday: Belle W. Ephlin, Lizzie Brown and Laura Lower.

Thursday: Clara Hess, Laura Burr and Flora Smith.

IX. Railroad rates for Cleveland are, one cent per mile each way from all points in the State of Indiana, short line distances good for continuous passage from September 8th to 12th inclusive, going on date the ticket is stamped by selling agent, and will be good to return not later than midnight September 15th, with privilege of extension to October 8th, on deposit of ticket with joint agent at Cleveland, not later than twelve o'clock noon, September 15th, and payment of 50 cents.

X. The Department Commander and members of his official staff will go by special trains over the Cleveland Division of the Big Four Railway, Monday, September 9th, leaving Indianapolis at 10:50 A. M. Stopping at Anderson and Muncie, where they will be joined by the Headquarters special train of the Woman's Relief Corps, continuing on to Winchester and Union City, and connecting at Anderson with the trains of the Michigan Division, over which the Orphans' Home Band will arrive in time to join the special train, which is scheduled to arrive at Erie station at 6:20 P. M. No stops will be made for passengers after leaving Union City. All Comrades and their friends are cordially invited to accompany the Department Commander and the Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps on this train.

XI. One more word in regard to Department Aids' badges: No Past Aid, owning a badge, is expected to return it. I would suggest that they send and purchase an emblem, price three cents, and two cents for postage; then they have what they are entitled to, a Past Aid's badge.

XII. New Rules and Regulations, for 1901, ought to be in the hands of every member of the Department, and can be secured by sending seven cents and two cents for postage, to the Department Treasurer.

XIII. Dear sisters of weak Corps, to you, who talk of disbanding, do not do it; you are needed more now than ever before. Read what our Commander-in-Chief says of the Woman's Relief Corps; every member of our Order is asked to give it the careful reading and thought it merits:

"The great assistance which the Woman's Relief Corps, and kindred organizations, have rendered the Grand Army of the Republic in the past, leads the Commander-in-Chief to strongly urge the formation of such organizations wherever it is possible, for the reason that the aid and comfort provided through their devoted labors, largely strengthen the Posts with which they are associated as auxiliaries. This act is recommended in view of the work already accomplished, particularly by the Woman's Relief Corps, in its devoted and efficient affiliation with our Order."

XIV. Your attention is also called to a paragraph taken from our Past National President's General Order, No. 6, 1900:

"The list of suspensions and honorable discharges is appalling! Is it possible that a veteran's wife, daughter, or sister, has lost interest in the work for which we are banded together? Aids, there is work along this line

for you; ask your Corps or Department President if there is not something you can do to help them to lessen this list of losses. At no time in the history of our Order has there been such need of self-sacrificing, devoted work for the veteran and his dependant ones. Shall we let indifference, or our own pleasure, thin our ranks just when the need which created our Order is greatest? Let each member consider this question seriously, and conscientiously decide if they are doing all they can for the advancement of the principles to which we are pledged."

XV. Corps Presidents are certainly negligent in their duties, when they do not have National and Department General Orders read to the Corps by the Secretary. They are prepared with much thought to meet the needs of the Corps, and are not personal property of the President, but belong to the Corps.

XVI. Dates for holding District Conventions have been received, as follows:

District No. 1. Princeton, October 17th.

" 2. Bloomington, October 18th.

3. Jeffersonville, October 15th.

Aurora, October 1st.

5. Terre Haute, October 29th.

6. Rushville, September 25th.

66 7. Indianapolis, October 8th,

" 8. Farmland, October 9th.

9. Frankfort, October 24th.

" 10. Lafayette, October 22d.

" 11. Huntington, October 31st.

" 12. Elkhart, October 2d.

" 13. Hammond, October 10th.

XVII. A word to the District Presidents: Let me suggest to you, that you arrange for less expensive badges. Why not just a knot of ribbon? Make expenses as light as you can. I am so desirous of the continuance of these Conventions as Delegated bodies, but if they become so much of a tax on Corps for expenses, I am afraid they may not have sufficient support to be kept up. So, Sisters, be economical.

XVIII. The following is the Order of Business for District Conventions:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

MORNING SESSION, 9:00 A. M.

Opening. Appointment of Committees. Report of National Delegate. Roll Call. Report of Credential Committee. Reports from Corps. Selection of place of next meeting. Election of District President. Election of National Delegate. Election of National Alternate. Announcements. Dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reading Minutes of Morning Session.
Exemplification of Ritual, by entertaining Corps.
Criticisms by District Inspector.
Opening Question Box.
Reports of Committees.
Reading Minutes of Afternoon Session.
Adjournment.

XIX. In accordance with Rules and Regulations, the annual inspection of every Corps in the State of this Department will be held during the months of September, October and November.

XX. Corps Presidents will see that all books and records of the work of the year, from September 1, 1900, to September 1, 1901, are ready for the Inspector.

XXI. If Secretaries and Treasurers understood better their work, so many quarterly reports would not have to be returned to Corps for correction.

XXII. The Department Inspector has selected competent Inspectors, who will study well the circular letters issued to them, follow closely the instructions given, and make their dates for as continuous a trip as possible, thereby lessening the expense, which is borne by the Corps.

XXIII. A District Inspector has also been appointed by the Department President, for the inspection of ritualistic work at District Conventions. These Inspectors all come to you to assist and instruct, not to criticise, and I ask that they be received cordially, and strict attention be given them that much benefit may be derived from their instruction.

XXIV. The work of inspection has been arranged by the Department Inspector, and is as follows:

Clara Hess, Department Inspector, will inspect the following Corps: Nos. 16, 24, 39, 48, 120, 126, 136, 148, 166, 192, 193, 214, 220.

Mary E. Swain, Nos. 7, 13, 33, 46, 116, 121, 131, 134, 137.

Lizzie W. Brown, Nos. 81, 94.

Laura Lower, Nos. 8, 88, 173.

Tempie Smith, Nos. 18, 31, 102, 103, 122, 146, 212.

Maria J. Spiceley, Nos. 4, 90, 92, 106, 135, 188, 216.

Elmyra J. Durbin, Nos. 160, 233, 241, 195.

Sarah Land, Nos. 9, 12, 38.

Ann Haymond, Nos. 113, 183, 199, 227, 229. Eliza Crisler, Nos. 215, 89. Sarah C. White, Nos. 107, 205, 221. Mary A. McIlvane, Nos. 3, 115, 144, 184, 203, 222. Belle W. Ephlin, Nos. 11, 21, 61, 180, 133, 240, 5, 15. Mary J. Miller, Nos. 69, 155, 175, 230, 234. Anna Hadley, Nos. 23, 206, 231. Lou Havens, Nos. 25, 51, 60, 62. Emma Druley, Nos. 45, 96, 100, 151, 194. Anna Tucker, Nos. 70, 104, 119, 200, 232, 238. Olive Miller, Nos. 41, 47, 67, 124, 138. Eva Ginger, Nos. 77, 219, 179. Laura Kalter, Nos. 63, 78, 114, 117, 128, 132, 143. Laura Hess, Nos. 19, 30, 34, 237. Blanch Gould, Nos. 26, 35, 54, 71, 72, 95, 201. Agnes Smith, Nos. 74, 125, 150, 22, 57, 105. Ida M. Poinier, Nos. 97, 127, 129, 191. Anna Sinks, Nos. 110, 177, 187. Lydia McComb, Nos. 59, 140. Clemenza McDonald, Nos. 162, 163, 236. Lucia A. Kintze, Nos. 213, 87, 225. Mattie Beidler, Nos. 91, 37, 58, 211, 210. Nora Brown, Nos. 2, 27, 52, 111. Sue Hart, Nos. 32, 154, 149, 186, 29, 36. Martha Smith, Nos. 1, 224. Julia Smith, Nos. 14, 130, 165. Lucy Clark, No. 83. Ella D. Zinn, Nos. 43, 64, 112. Romaine Armstrong, No. 10. Effie Tuzebaugh, Nos. 195, 168. Indianapolis. Louisa Twiname, Nos. 40. 44. Nettie Ransford, No. 20.

XXV. District Inspectors are as follows:

District No. 1. Jennie Myerhoff. 2. Lottie R. Butler. " " 3. Lola Calvert. " " 4. Eliza Crisler. : 6 " Belle W. Ephlin. 5. 66 4: Kate Scott. 6. 66 " 7. Josephine K. Thomas. " Laura Burr. 8. 9. Malissa Caylor. " 10. " Mary McCorkle Sims. Anna Twells. " 11. " " " 12. Rose A. Isabelle. 66 13. Clara Hess.

XXVI. William Landon, 167, Knox, disbanded March 9th, 1901.

XXVII. All orders for supplies should be sent in before September 7th, as the books of the Department Treasurer will be closed from September 7th to September 16th.

XXVIII. Circular letters from Department Senior Vice-President, and Department Inspector with instructions to District Presidents and assistant Inspectors, will be forwarded to the proper officers.

XXIX. Fruit canning time is now here; one can from each member would make a nice donation to our Homes, either at Knightstown, Fort Wayne, Marion, or Lafayette.

Secretary and Treasurer Quarterly Reports accompany this General Order; it is the earnest desire of the Department President that Corps Presidents do not sign these Reports until they are positive they are correct, and have them returned to Headquarters not later than the 5th of October.

By command of

MARY E. SWAIN,

KATE SCOTT,

Department President.

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 5.

RICHMOND, INDIANA, October 3, 1901.

- I. On account of sickness and inability to do the work by some who were assigned Corps for inspection, changes have been made by the Department President, thereby exonerating the Department Inspector from any criticisms.
 - II. The revised list for Inspection is as follows:

Clara M. Hess, of Westville, Nos. 16, 24, 39, 48, 120, 126, 148, 165, 166, 192, 193, 214, 220.

Mary E. Swain, of Richmond, Nos. 13, 33, 46, 116, 121, 134.

Lizzie Brown, of Logansport, Nos. 81, 94.

Laura Lower, of North Manchester, Nos. 8, 88, 173.

Tempie Smith, of Petersburg, Nos. 18, 102, 103, 122, 146, 212,

Maria J. Spiceley, of Bloomington, Nos. 4, 106, 135, 188, 216.

Charlotte Jones, of New Albany, Nos. 160, 233, 241, 195.

Sarah Land, of Salem, Nos. 9, 38.

Ann Haymond, of Shelbyville, Nos. 113, 215, 89, 93.

Eliza Crisler, of Greensburg, Nos. 227, 183, 239.

Sarah C. White, of Rockville, Nos. 107, 205, 221.

Mary McElvaine, of Terre Haute, Nos. 3, 115, 144, 184, 203, 222.

Belle W. Ephlin, of Tangier, Nos. 21, 61, 180, 133, 240.

Mary J. Miller, of Terre Haute, Nos. 69, 155, 175, 230, 234. Anna Hadley, of Danville, Nos. 23, 206, 231. Lou Havens, of Rushville, Nos. 25, 51, 60, 62. Emma Druley, of Middletown, Nos. 45, 96, 100, 151, 194. Anna Tucker, of Noblesville, Nos. 70, 104, 200, 238. Eva Ginger, of Ridgeville, Nos. 77, 219, 179. Laura Kalter, of Kokomo, Nos. 63, 78, 114, 117, 128, 132, 143. Tabitha O. Lynch, of Tipton, Nos. 26, 201. Laura Hess, of Wabash, Nos. 19, 30, 34, 237. Elizabeth Lee, of Frankfort, Nos. 74, 125, 22, 57, 105. Lydia Cook, of Pendleton, Nos. 131, 119, 232. Ida Poinier, of Lafayette, Nos. 97, 127, 129. Mary McCorkle Sims, of Frankfort, Nos. 142, 150. Mary Fogle, of Rochester, Nos. 110, 177, 187. Lydia McComb, of Warsaw, Nos. 59, 140. Clemenza McDonald, of Columbia City, Nos. 162, 163, 236, 7. Lucia A. Kintz, of Fort Wayne, Nos. 87, 225, 41. Mattie Beidler, of Waterloo, Nos. 37, 58, 91, 210, 211. Libbie Richardson, of Angola, Nos. 2, 27, 52, 111. Sue Hart, of Elkhart, Nos. 32, 29, 36, 149, 154, 186. Martha Smith, of South Bend, No. 1. Julia Smith, of South Bend, Nos. 14, 224. Lucy Clark, of Westville, No. 83. Ella D. Zinn, of Indianapolis, Nos. 43, 64, 54, 71, 95. Romaine Armstrong, of Indianapolis, Nos. 35, 72, 112. Effic Tevebaugh, of Indianapolis, Nos. 168, 196. Louisa Twiname, of Indianapolis, Nos. 10, 40, 44. Belle Ingersoll, of Indianapolis, No. 20. Clara Brazelton, of Princeton, No. 229. Frelove Elam, of Valparaiso, No. 130. Sarah Hobbick, of Winchester, Nos. 47, 67, 124, 138.

III. Corps to be inspected by District Inspectors are as follows:

Jennie Myerhoff, of Evansville, No. 31. District No. 1. Lottie Butler, of Bedford, No. 92. " "

3. Lola Calvert, of Scottsburg, No. 12. " " Eliza Crisler, of Greensburg, No. 199. 4. Belle W. Ephlin, of Tangier, No. 11. 5.

66 6. Kate Scott, of Richmond, No. 68.

.. Josephine K. Thomas, of Danville, No. 118. 7. " Laura S. Burr, of Anderson, No. 137. 8.

Melissa Caylor, of Noblesville, No. 84. 9. " Mary McCorkle Sims, of Frankfort, No. 191. 10.

" Anna Twells, of Logansport, No. 42. 11. " " Rose A. Isabelle, of Goshen, No. 5-15. 12.

13. Clara Hess, of Westville, No. 136.

- IV. These changes are made for the express purpose of shortening distances between Corps and lessening expenses to already overtaxed Corps.
- V. It seems almost impossible to make a satisfactory explanation of paragraphs X and XII, in General Order No. 3. Not knowing the original idea of the committee who framed the resolution, it is difficult to explain, but seems like this:
- VI. The Assistant Inspectors are to make an itemized account of their traveling expenses and send the same to the District Inspector of the District to which these Corps belong, but reports must be forwarded to Department Inspectors as soon as completed. The District Inspector adds to the bill her own traveling expenses, then she divides the total amount among the Corps in the District and sends it to the Department Inspector for approval, who in turn forwards to the Department President; the Department President, in her next General Order, notifies the Corps in the different Districts of their apportionment, the Corps Presidents then forward the amount to the Department Treasurer, who shall pay Inspectors.
- VII. Corps that have not forwarded quarterly reports to Department Headquarters will do so at once, sending per capita tax to Alice Lamar, Department Treasurer.
- VIII. Corps Treasurers must be more careful when ordering supplies to send sufficient postage; at all times money is returned by Department Treasurer, when overpaid.
- IX. Fourth District Convention will be held at Columbus instead of Aurora.
- X. The Tenth District Convention will meet November 26th; post-poned on account of illness in entertaining Corps.
- XI. Manta Baker, of Roann, has been appointed Department Aid, Emma Gochenour having resigned. Lucy Clark, of Westville, has been appointed an Aid.
 - XII. Put Evans, No. 108, Sharpsville, disbanded August 3, 1901.
- XIII. Corps members, give the District Conventions your hearty support and attendance. Make them a credit to the District, not forgetting they are the only Conventions many of our members can attend.
- XIV. Donations have been received as follows: General Shunk Corps, No. 63, \$200 for monument to loyal women.
- XV. Chaplain Brown, No. 24, \$10 for the National W. R. C. Home at Madison, Ohio.
- XVI. The Department extends sympathy to Sion S. Bass, No. 7, in the loss by death of their efficient Past President, Emma Hilton, which occurred on August 5th, 1901.

Also, to J. B. Mason, No. 62, in the loss of a loved member, Mattie E. Shea, Past President, whose death occurred in August, 1901.

XVII. National General Orders No. 1, and Circular Letter No. 1, accompany this General Order.

By command of

MARY E. SWAIN,

KATE SCOTT.

Department President.

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA,
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 6.

RICHMOND, INDIANA, Nov. 7, 1901.

- I. It has been the custom for a good many years for the Corps in the Department of Indiana to make it a loving duty to contribute to a fund called "Christmas Fund," to be used for the purpose of purchasing presents, to make glad the hearts of the orphan children (of our veterans) who are inmates of the S. and S. Orphans' Home at Knightstown, not forgetting the more unfortunate ones at Fort Wayne.
- II. Let your donations be as liberal as your treasury, and the demands made upon it, will allow.
- III. Contributions should be sent immediately after the first meeting in November, to Department Treasurer Alice Lamar.
- IV. The National Thanksgiving Day will soon be here, and the Woman's Relief Corps, as an organization, have much to be thankful for, in that we are still an influence for much good, and that we are yet able to count our relief extended to our needy ones by the thousands. Let us then see that, through our Relief Committees, well filled baskets are sent to every soldier's family who are their charge, that not one wife, mother or child may see the night approach with an unsatisfied want, as far as lies in the power of the Woman's Relief Corps to grant.
- V. The annual election of officers will take place at the first regular meeting in December, or at a special meeting to complete the election. All members in good standing must be notified in writing of date of election.
- VI. Members six (6) months in arrears are not entitled to vote nor hold office until dues are paid up.
- VII. The selection of officers must be done with great care. Lay aside all personalities and work for "the good of our order." Then, after you have chosen your leaders, stand by them loyally and give them your most hearty and cordial support.

- VIII. Corps Presidents are requested to have read to their Corps, from Rules and Regulations, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 5, of Article VII, Chapter II.
- IX. The office of Treasurer is often the most difficult one to fill, but can, with a little careful study, be easily understood. The re-election of a good, competent Treasurer is recommended.
- X. At the same meeting the Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention, to be held at Anderson, will be elected.
- XI. The ratio is one Delegate and one Alternate for every fifty (50) members, as reported to the Department Secretary for the quarter ending September 30, 1901, and one additional Delegate and Alternate for a final fraction of more than one-half that number.
- XII. Presidents and Past Presidents are members of the Convention, and should not be elected Delegates; Senior Vice-Presidents are Alternates of Presidents.
- XIII. Try to elect only women loyal to their pledge—women of good judgment and right principles, who will attend strictly to the business of the Convention, and assist in legislating for the best interest of our order.
- XIV. Very gratifying reports come from District Inspectors, such as "Work well done, harmony existing, flag work much better understood, and Corps members enthusiastic"; also a few reports of "Books not well kept, suspended members, old Rules and Regulations, and discord among the members." That will eventually not only kill the Corps, but bring discord in the ranks of the comrades we are organized to assist.
- XV. Several times the question has been asked in regard to making changes in the ritualistic work, and for the benefit of all Corps the answer must be: No, neither add to nor take from. "Drills and evolutions" of any description are not given in the Ritual.
- XVI. The Assistant Inspectors must not forget that they make an itemized report of their traveling expenses to their District Inspector, not forgetting that the report of the Corps they inspected must be sent to Clara M. Hess, Westville, Department Inspector, not to Department Headquarters.
- XVII. Corps having responded to the call for canned fruit for the Homes, will please report so that they may be given credit in the next General Order.
- XVIII. District Secretaries will please send to Department Headquarters names of newly elected District Presidents, Vice-Presidents and District Secretaries, also name of place for holding next District Convention.
- XIX. Corps Presidents will send notice to Department Headquarters of the death of any member of their Corps.
 - XX. Nelson Corps, No. 213, Kendallville, disbanded October, 1900.
 - XXI. Nevins Corps, No. 205, at Fontanet, disbanded October, 1900.

XXII. General Lyon Corps, No. 242, at Otwell, was organized October 10, 1901, by the Department I. and I. Officer, Mary E. Little, of Evansville.

XXIII. Gordon Tanner Corps, No. 243, was instituted November 6, 1901, by the Department President, with 40 charter members.

XXIV. The following Corps are placed upon the Roll of Honor: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 51, 52, 54, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 74, 77, 78, 81, 83, 84, 87, 88, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 100, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 124, 125, 126, 128, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 140, 142, 143, 144, 146, 148, 149, 151, 154, 155, 160, 162, 163, 165, 166, 168, 173, 175, 177, 179, 180, 183, 184, 186, 187, 188, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 199, 200, 201, 203, 206, 210, 211, 212, 214, 215, 219, 220, 221, 222, 225, 229, 230, 231, 232, 234, 236, 238, 239, 240, 241.

XXV. All but eight Corps have sent in their Quarterly Reports, for which the Department officers return thanks. We now have 6,364 members in good standing.

XXVI. The journals for the Eighteenth Department Convention can now be had by sending 5 cents for postage to Department Headquarters.

XXVII. National General Orders and National Pass-Word, also blanks for Assistant Patriotic Instructors and Circular Letter to Patriotic Committees of Corps, accompany these General Orders. The Department Patriotic Instructor desires that all reports be returned to her by the last of this year, and that this be the banner year of patriotism in our schools.

By command of

MARY E. SWAIN,

KATE SCOTT,

Department President.

Hark to the toll of the bells, chanting a funeral dirge to a loved one. List to the sound wafted back from above. Sweet and low, soft and clear, the roll was called, and the answer was—Here!

The angel of death has again been in our midst, and it is with bowed heads and a deep feeling of sorrow that we announce the death of Thesta Alice Ross, Past Senior Vice-President of the Department Woman's Relief Corps of Indiana.

The work so loyally and faithfully done, in her service to the organization she loved so well, is finished, and she has gone from labor to reward. After one year's separation from her life companion, her husband, she has followed him home. Let us twine the forget-me-nots in the wreath of memory, and leave her at rest.

The Department President desires to extend her sincere thanks for the many kind letters of love and sympathy received in the dark hour of sorrow and bereavement in the loss of her dear old Father, who was called home by Him "who giveth His loved ones sleep."

By command of

MARY E. SWAIN,

KATE SCOTT,

Department President.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 7.

RICHMOND, INDIANA, Dec. 12, 1901.

- I. The newly elected officers shall be installed at a regular meeting in January following, or at a special meeting called for that purpose (see Rules and Regulations 1901, Chapter II, Article VII, Sections 3 and 4; also 1901 Service Book, pages 8 and 9).
 - II. Joint installations of Posts and Corps are recommended.
 - III. If any expense be incurred, it must be borne by the Corps.
- IV. The election blanks must be filled by the Installing Officer and certified by the retiring President, then carefully examined by the newly-installed President and signed by her; immediately following the installation, a copy of which must be sent to Mary E. Little, I. and I. Officer, 622 Upper First Street, Evansville, Ind.; also a copy to be sent to Department Secretary.
- V. Special care must be taken that these blanks be properly and correctly filled. From these blanks the new Roster is compiled, also Department Convention Roll. It is important that time and place of meeting be accurate.
- VI. By a majority vote of your Corps, officers were elected, now stand by them like loyal women. The officers alone cannot make the year's work a success, every member has a part in the work, let us be more faithful in the discharge of duty, more regular in attendance upon Corps' meetings, lay aside all differences and strife, that the W. R. C. may become more prosperous and reach a higher plane than ever before.
- VII. One hundred and fifteen Corps have not yet responded to the call for donations to the Christmas Fund for the S. and S. O. Home at Knightstown. No Corps, however small, can afford to lose the opportunity to help make bright for these orphaned children this one day of all the year, when gladness abounds throughout the land.
- VIII. Only three District Secretaries have sent to Headquarters the names of the newly elected District Officers and place of holding next District meeting. We want the other ten to report immediately.
- IX. Where Corps' Treasurers do not understand the W. R. C. system of bookkeeping, the specimen cash and ledger sheets are recommended for their use, and can be secured at Headquarters.
- X. Three Corps, Frankfort, Columbus and Bremen, report 25 new members received this year.
- XI. Corps Presidents, do not fail to have Secretary and Treasurer blanks correctly made out and returned not one day later than January 5,

to be on Honor Roll; can we not have one quarter with a report to National of no delinquent Corps.

XII. Mrs. Ingersoll, matron of the Lafayette Soldiers' Home, reports between three and four hundred cans of fruit, and many glasses of jelly, the nicest ever received there, and mentions the satisfaction it is to the sick and feeble.

XIII. Donations of fruit were received from the following Corps: No. 74, of Crawfordsville, 94 cans; No. 131, Middletown, 35 cans; No. 121, Lynn, 34 cans of fruit and 34 glasses of jelly; No. 84, Frankfort, fruit and jelly; No. 36, Bremen, 38 quarts of fruit, 25 glasses of jelly, two cushions and one head-rest; No. 112, Danville, 20 cans of fruit and 8 glasses of jelly; No. 70, Anderson, canned fruit to the value of \$5.00; No. 24, Valparaiso, fruit and jelly valued at \$6.00.

XIV. According to Rules and Regulations, every Corps, regardless of membership, is entitled to one delegate to the Department Convention, aside from the Corps President.

XV. Donations were received for the National W. R. C. Home at Madison, Ohio, as follows:

\$2.05 from No. 40, Indianapolis.

\$2.00 from No. 184, Rockville, for periodicals.

XVI. George Wright Corps, No. 127, Clark's Hill, disbanded Nov. 8, 1901.

XVII. Time is fast approaching when Christmas bells will again ring out the glad refrain, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

The year 1901 will soon have passed, and a new year dawns upon us. The Department Officers extend to each and all, Christmas greetings, and may the New Year bring to the Order and its members prosperity and peace.

By command of

MARY E. SWAIN,

KATE SCOTT,

Department President.

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 8.

RICHMOND, INDIANA, January 16, 1902.

I. The Department Officers extend to every member of our beloved Order, their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. To the retiring Corps officers, who have served so well and faithfully the past year, we extend our grateful thanks, and hope the friendship formed may con-

tinue through life; to the newly elected officers we send our congratulations, and stand ready to render any assistance in our power.

- II. After six months of earnest effort on the part of Department officers to get before Corps Presidents the importance of forwarding promptly, Quarterly Reports, we are pleased to report only seven delinquent Corps this quarter, and reinstated from delinquent, 264; making a total gain this quarter of 590 members, leaving suspended for non-payment of dues, 268. Now, Aids, go to work, and bring up the list of suspended, so that the next and last quarter of this administration, we may report all members in good standing. Let every member of the Woman's Relief Corps do what she can to increase our membership this coming year. There seems no limit to the number of loyal women who should be within our ranks.
- III. Newly elected Presidents will send at once their home address (street and number) to Department Secretary, Kate Scott.
- IV. Corps Presidents, do not forget to appoint a Press Correspondent, one who will take a *pride* in forwarding all items of interest to Department Press Correspondent, Josephine K. Thomas, Danville; also to your city papers.
- V. Assistant Patriotic Instructors hold over until after the Department Convention in May.
- VI. National General Orders, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, have been forwarded to all Corps Presidents; should any fail to receive them, please notify Headquarters. So many changes have been made that a careful study is necessary.
- VII. Your attention is called to decision No. 9. I hope each Corps will comply to this need.
- VIII. Through our Department Patriotic Instructor, Eliza J. Crisler, more has been accomplished in patriotism this year than ever before, and has met the hearty approval of the National Officers; but for the lack of funds, the work so well begun must cease, unless the Corps come to the rescue and assist financially. Therefore an urgent appeal comes to you, begging you to send a small contribution to the Department Treasurer for the use of the Department Patriotic Instructor; you will never regret the effort made to advance the work to a finish in the State where the teaching of patriotism in schools originated.

Assistant Patriotic Instructors in Corps: Let this be your work to urge your Corps to be the first to respond to this call.

IX. Donations to the "Christmas Fund," from ninety Corps and two Posts, have been very liberal. The committee in charge of this work deserve much praise for their wise and careful selection of presents, and with the able assistance of Mrs. Graham at the Home, made the distribution very satisfactory.

The heartiest thanks from the Christmas Committee are due Corps No. 125, who sent a donation of one dozen dressed dolls, their contribution to the Christmas Offering; also to Corps No. 45, Richmond; No. 39, Rensselaer; No. 60, Liberty, and No. 134, Hagerstown, for the 72 dolls (purchased by the committee) so beautifully dressed by ladies of these Corps.

X. The method for inspection adopted by the Eighteenth Department Convention has been very unsatisfactory; the Department Inspector deserves much credit in being able to get before you even at this late date, an apportionment of expenses due her from District Inspectors, and through them from Assistant Inspectors to the latter, is due the tardiness of this apportionment, as inspections have been made as late as the middle of December. It is a shame for these ladies to give time and money to carry on the inspection of this Department, and wait for months to be reimbursed. Now let Corps Presidents see that the amount of their apportionment be sent immediately to Department Treasurer, Alice Lamar, Richmond, that these Inspectors may be paid their expenses.

XI. The report of District Inspectors itemized, approved by Department Inspector, and apportionment to Districts, is herein forwarded to Corps Presidents, who will give it their immediate attention at first regular meeting, and remit at once.

XII. District apportionment is as follows:

1st District - 6 Corps, \$1.18 each. 2nd District - 8 Corps, 1.20 each. 3rd District — 6 Corps, 1.00 each. 4th District - 8 Corps, 1.12 each. 5th District -- 15 Corps, .70 each. 6th District - 12 Corps, .90 each. 7th District — 12 Corps, .60 each. 8th District - 27 Corps, .91 each. 9th District — 15 Corps, 1.16 each. 10th District - 9 Corps, 1.00 each. 11th District - 18 Corps, 1.05 each. 12th District — 20 Corps, 1.00 each. 13th District - 15 Corps, .75 each.

XIII. The following Corps are placed on honor roll:

Corps, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 51, 52, 54, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 74, 77, 78, 81, 83, 84, 87, 88, 89, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 100, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 117, 118, 119, 121, 124, 125, 126, 128, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 149, 151, 154, 155, 160, 162, 163, 165, 166, 168, 173, 177, 179, 180, 183, 184, 186, 188, 191, 193, 194, 195, 196, 199, 200, 201, 203, 206, 210, 212, 214, 215, 216, 219, 220, 221, 222, 225, 227, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 236, 238, 239, 240, 122, 241, 242, 243.

XIV. According to a decision of the Eighteenth Department Convention, that a committee be appointed, consisting of five Past Department Presidents, to carefully examine accounts, receipts and expenditures, and recommend to the next Department Convention some means by which expenses may be lessened, so they shall not exceed receipts, committee is appointed as follows: Agnes Hitt, Laura Hess, Ida S. McBride, Mary J. Hadley, Mary M. Sims.

XV. Sarah A. Kivett, of Corps No. 155, Sullivan, has been appointed an additional Department Aid.

XVI. It is to be regretted that Capt. Wm. Lewis Post and Corps No. 47, at Wheeling, was obliged on December 26, 1901, to disband, where if joint meetings could have been held they need not have surrendered.

XVII. There are still a number of Corps which have not forwarded their election returns. We insist that this be attended to at once. The Roster can not be completed until all election returns have been received.

XVIII. Your attention is called to paragraph 3, in National General Orders No. 5, that January 29, the birthday of William McKinley, be appropriately observed throughout the Department.

XIX. All Army Nurses in the Department of Indiana will please send their full name and address (street and number) to the Department Secretary.

XX. National General Orders No. 5, and Report Form V, of Assistant Patriotic Instructors' Blank, accompany this General Order.

XXI. It is positively necessary for Assistant Patriotic Instructors to fill out their Blanks, Form V, with figures.

XXII. In next General Order, a complete list of Corps sending fruit to Lafayette Home will be published, also list of deaths for the past quarter.

By command of

MARY E. SWAIN,

KATE SCOTT,

Department President.

Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 9.

RICHMOND, INDIANA, March 14, 1902.

The Eighteenth Department Convention adjourned to meet in Anderson in Convention, 1902, at the same time the Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic met, but, for good and sufficient reasons, the place of meeting has been changed; therefore,

- I. The Nineteenth Department Convention of the Indiana Woman's Relief Corps will be held in the city of Indianapolis, May 13 and 14, 1962.
 - II. Department Headquarters will be established at the English Hotel
- III. All desiring to arrange for accommodations in private homes can address Maria B. Dougherty, 1518 Barth Avenue, Indianapolis.
- IV. The Convention will be held in Masonic Hall, on Washington street.
- V. Through information received from R. M. Smock, A. A. G. of the Department G. A. R., we are enabled to announce that railroads have made the usual rates, one cent per mile each way, from all points in the State of Indiana, tickets good going May 12, 13 and 14, good to return up to and including the 17th.
- VI. Past Department Presidents, Past Department Secretaries and Treasurers, Past and Present Corps Presidents, and the elected Delegates or their Alternates are entitled to seats in the Convention. In the absence of a Corps President, the Senior or Junior Vice-President, in the order of their seniority, is entitled to a seat.
- VII. Corps are entitled to one Delegate and one Alternate for every fifty members, and one additional Delegate for a final fraction of more than one-half of that number. Every Corps is entitled to one delegate, regardless of membership, aside from their President.
- VIII. The books of this Department will be closed April 30, and no orders for supplies will be filled after that date. Corps needing supplies will send in their orders promptly.
- IX. Further particulars regarding the Convention will be given in next General Order.
- X. By a decision of the Nineteenth National Convention, the resolution passed by the Eighteenth National Convention giving Presidents of Corps the right to fill delegations after arriving at Department Conventions, was rescinded; therefore, delegations must be filled before leaving home.
- XI. On account of the many changes made at the last National Convention in Rules and Regulations, it is very necessary and important that every member should provide herself with a copy of the new edition; they can be procured from the Department Treasurer, Alice Lamar, for seven cents and two cents for postage.
- XII. Decision No. 9, of Nineteenth National Convention, give Corps an opportunity to contribute one cent per member for the support of Andersonville property, contributions to be sent to the Department Treasurer with the quarterly reports, March 31, 1902.
- XIII. Corps that have not sent in election returns, forward at once. Six Corps in this Department are keeping back the printing of the Roster.

- XIV. The Chief of Aids, Belle W. Ephlin, requests the Aids to write her a personal letter, giving a detailed account of work done by them, so she may be able to complete her report by May 1st.
- XV. It has been impossible to keep a correct list of Corps sending fruits and jellies to the Lafayette Home, but there never has been finer fruit, in quality and quantity, sent there before that of this year, and from the Matron's report of the Home work, all Corps will get due credit, providing they sent their goods properly and plainly marked.
- XVI. For the benefit of Corps in this Department, we would cite for your imitation the noble work done by Auten Corps, No. 14, of South Bendduring the erection of Epworth Hospital, in that city. The amount of \$500 was raised by them and paid into the building fund of that association, thereby securing a private room free, a beautiful, airy, sunny room on the second floor, with the very best medical attention and nursing for any W. R. C. or G. A. R. patient whom they may see fit to send there. What a monument to these loyal women, certainly worthy of our imitation.
- XVII. An error was made in the number of last General Order. Instead of 7 it should have been 8.
- XVIII. The grateful thanks of this Department are due the following Corps, of Indianapolis: No. 20 for \$10.00, and No. 43 for \$5.00, unsolicited donations towards the deficit of \$188 in our Christmas fund. It gladdened the hearts of the Department officers at Headquarters, and brings encouragement and assurance with it that we will not always be in debt.
- XIX. The Department was pleased to welcome as a visitor at Headquarters, Division Commander Krietenstein, of the Sons of Veterans, who reports their work in a very prosperous condition, and we voice the sentiment of this Department when we say, "God bless our boys."
- XX. The sincere sympathy of this Department is extended to Mary Braddock, a Department Aid, on the loss of her husband.
- XXI. In National General Order No. 5, in the selection of Aids from Indiana, the name of Lavinia J. Young, of Frankfort, was, by a typographical error, placed on this list, her appointment being that of Assistant National Inspector, and not an Aid.
- XXII. The Department takes pleasure in recommending to the Corps *The W. R. C. Visitor*, the only paper published exclusively for the Woman's Relief Corps.
- XXIII. The attention of Corps Presidents is called to National General Order No. 6, second paragraph, asking that Corps be prompt in sending at once their contributions for the purpose of decorating, with flags and flowers, the graves of the three hundred thousand Union soldiers who are buried in our national cemeteries on southern soil.

XXIV. Corps Secretaries are requested to send to the Department Secretary the names of all deceased members not previously reported.

XXV. To save additional expense of postage, Corps Treasurers will please accept this acknowledgment of money received, instead of having a receipt sent them by the Department Treasurer. Several mistakes were made by the Assistant Inspectors collecting their expenses when inspecting Corps, instead of allowing the money to be sent to Headquarters, as directed to do by General Orders, thereby making much unneccessary work for the Department officers.

XXVI. The following is a list of Corps who have sent contributions to the Christmas fund, and have paid their inspection apportionment:

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XXVII. All resolutions and appeals to be presented to the Convention must be filed at Headquarters on or before May 1, 1902.

XXVIII. Secretary and Treasurer's report blanks accompany this General Order.

XXIX. To the new Presidents: Let us insist that you give these reports your careful and strict attention. Do not sign them until you are sure they are correct, so as not to delay our work by having to wait for their return from being corrected. This is our last quarter; let us insist that you all be prompt, and have every report in not one day later than April 5. Let us not have to report one delinquent Corps in this State for the quarter ending March 31, 1902. By command of

MARY E. SWAIN,

KATE SCOTT,

Department President.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 10.

RICHMOND, INDIANA, April 17, 1902.

- I. As previously announced, the Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Indiana, will be held in Masonic Hall, corner Washington and Capitol Avenues, Indianapolis, May 13 and 14, 1902, for the transaction of such business as may properly be presented.
- II. Headquarters will be established at the Hotel English, May 12, in Room 164, where all members of the W. R. C. and G. A. R., and all friends of the Order, will be cordially welcomed.
- III. Headquarters will be in charge of the Department Aids, who will report for duty immediately on arrival to Belle W. Ephlin, Chief of Aids. This committee will be distinguished by yellow badges.
- IV. A reception to our honored guest, the National President, Calista Robinson Jones, will be given by the Department Officers, assisted by the National Officers, Past National Officers and Past Department Presidents, and all members of the Indiana W. R. C. and their friends, in the Hotel Parlors, Monday evening, May 12, 1902, from 8:00 to 10:00.
- V. Convention will assemble for its first business session promptly at 9:30 Tuesday morning, May 13. Delegates and all members of the Convention are requested to be present at that time, and attend every session and remain until its close.
- VI. According to Rules and Regulations of our Order, the membership of the Convention is composed of the following representation: National President, Past National Presidents, Past National Vice-Presidents, Past National Secretaries and Treasurers in their respective Departments, Department President and all Past Department Presidents, Past Department Secretaries and Treasurers, all Corps Presidents, Past Corps Presidents, and all regularly elected Delegates. In the absence of a Corps President, the Senior Vice-President fills the place; in the absence of both President and Senior Vice-President, the Corps will be represented by the Junior Vice-President. In the absence of a Delegate, the Alternate takes her place. Alternates should attend Convention, so as to serve as Delegates if called upon. Decision No. 36, in National General Order No. 2, announces the fact that Corps Presidents have not the right to fill delegations after arriving at Department Convention unless by an Alternate.
- VII. All members of the Order are invited to be present at the Convention as visitors; but whether voting members or visitors, each must secure the proper password from her own Corps President.
- VIII. Corps intending to present resolutions for action by the Convention, should forward the same to Department Headquarters before May 5.

Questions must be received in writing, and will be referred to Department Counselor, Mary McCorkle Sims.

IX. The following Credential Committee is hereby appointed: Kate Scott, Department Secretary; Lou Evans, Corps No. 60; Bertha Strickler, Corps No. 131.

This Committee will be at Headquarters, Room 164, May 12, at 1:30 r.m. and at Convention Hall at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 13. It is urgently requested that credential cards be presented and Delegate's badges be secured on day before Convention, thereby saving time and delay. Each member of Convention must present her credential card and secure her own badge.

- X. Corps Presidents are requested to see that credential cards are filled out and distributed to members entitled to them before leaving for Convention. They must be properly signed by both Corps President and Secretary.
- XI. Department Council will meet at Headquarters, Monday afternoon, May 12, at 5:00 o'clock. We cordially invite the Past Department Presidents to be present at the council meeting; while they have no vote, we would feel honored by their presence.
- XII. All Department Officers and Chairmen of Committees whose duty requires from them reports to Convention, will please forward copies of the same to Headquarters. Also, all officers unable to attend will forward their reports and badges to Department Secretary before May 10.
- XIII. Books of the Department Treasurer will be closed after April 30. Orders for Memorial Service Books and Rules and Regulations only will be filled after that date.
- XIV. The Department President desires to thank the several Corps who so kindly offered to exemplify the ritualistic work, and, while we are assured that it would be a benefit to visiting delegates, owing to a lack of time it will be impossible to do so.
 - XV. Contributions have been made to special funds as follows:

Inspection Fund.

Corps No. 195 \$1 00

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XVI. Since last General Order, money has been received from the following Corps, to be applied on the deficit in the "Christmas Fund": No. 7, \$2.00; No. 10, \$5.00; No. 11, \$5.00; No. 45, \$5.00; No. 46, \$3.00; No. 94, \$5.00; No. 199, \$5.00. These Corps will please accept the heartiest thanks from the Department President for their liberal donations.

XVII. All but ten Corps are on the Roll of Honor.

XVIII. The Small Silk Salute Flag can be secured from Department Treasurer during Convention, for 15 cents. Credential cards and memorial blanks have been sent to all Corps; the Corps Chaplains are required to fill out these reports and forward immediately after May 30, to the *incoming* Department Chaplain.

XIX. Rates per day at the English Hotel, \$3.00 to \$4.00; Denison, \$2.50 to \$3.50; Grand, \$2.50 to \$3.50; Spencer, \$2.00 to \$3.00; Occidental, \$1.50 to \$2.00; private homes, \$.50 to \$1.50. Delegates and visitors desiring accommodations in private families, can secure same by addressing Maria Daugherty, 1518 Barth Avenue, Indianapolis, enclosing stamped envelope for a reply.

XX. Any one wishing a National Journal of 1901, can procure a copy by remitting 12 cents to defray expense of mailing.

XXI. The quarter's reports have been very promptly returned, and show, for the last quarter of our year, an increase in membership of over one hundred, and most Corps in a good condition financially, and with a few exceptions, can be congratulated on their good standing.

XXII. The Nation's Sabbath, "Memorial Day," the 30th of May, draws near. This is the day that every member of our Order should clasp hands, and pledge anew our allegiance to the comrades still remaining, by going with our "Boys in Blue," to pay tribute to the memory of their fallen comrades, providing bouquets and wreaths of beautiful flowers to be placed upon the graves of the loyal dead, not forgetting those who sleep in graves unknown, so

"While we deck the brave ones that are gone, Our hearts for those who live, beat truly on."

Let us give the children a part in this work; it will impress their minds of the hallowed associations of the day, set apart by a grateful nation to its honored dead. Let every Corps assemble with the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic on Memorial Sunday, at the place of worship selected by them.

XXIII. The decoration of graves of our deceased members will be done according to directions of the National in General Order No. 8, and a date fixed by the Department Convention.

XXIV. The tender sympathy of this Department is extended to our Past National President, Emma R. Wallace, and Past Department President, Nettie E. Ransford, in the loss sustained by them in the death of their husbands, who, when the final summons came, answered the last Roll Call, and followed the silent messenger into the unknown. May the Great Commander of us all guard and comfort them in this, their hour of sorrow.

XXV. I can not close this, my last General Order to the Corps of Indiana, without thanking all for the cordial and loyal support they have given me as Department President; your many acts of kindness and words of cheer will ever be cherished by me, and relying upon the interest of all Corps Officers and each member to strive to attain to the highest standard of excellence in everything pertaining to our work; and may the coming year be as peaceful and harmonious as the one about to close, and while our official relations will be severed, the closely woven threads of friendship will ever remain.

By command of

MARY E. SWAIN,

KATE SCOTT,

Department President.

CIRCULAR LETTER, No. 1.

IN MEMORIAM.

WILLIAM McKINLEY,

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

COMRADE OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

I. Because of the death of our beloved President, William McKinley, the nation is draped in mourning and bowed with grief. Grief that has burned into the soul of the nation the lessons of the manliness and the beneficence of the life of our departed President; this sorrow is intensified because his death came by the hand of a cowardly assassin!

And thus the spoken word brings again the grace of the faith and hope which the "Charity for All" of the departed President's words ever inspired, "This is God's way; His will be done."

II. To Mrs. McKinley, who has been so bitterly bereaved, the Department of Indiana Woman's Relief Corps extend their loving sympathy, and as by faith she leans on the unseen arm of the Infinite, may she ever find a present help in time of need.

III. Let all Corps Charters be draped for sixty days from the date of the receipt of this Order, in honor of this great and good man.

By command of

MARY E. SWAIN,

KATE SCOTT,

Department President.

HEADQUARTERS OF SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT,) DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA.

CIRCULAR LETTER,) No. 1.

LOGANSPORT, IND., August 28, 1901.

To District Presidents:

It is the desire of the Department Senior Vice-President to impress upon the minds of District Presidents that the district work is her special work, and to her all reports and matters appertaining should be sent.

Immediately after the Convention each District Secretary must forward to the Department Senior Vice-President a full and concise report of the

meeting.

I would insist that Conventions convene promptly at 9 A. M.

According to a decision of Department Convention, 1897, addresses of welcome and responses were eliminated from the order of business of District Conventions, on account of consuming too much valuable time that should be given to the business for which these Conventions are called.

The following is the order of business for District Conventions:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

MORNING SESSION, 9 A. M.

Opening. Appointment of Committees. Report of National Delegate. Roll Call. Report of Credential Committee. Reports from Corps. Selection of place of next meeting. Election of District President. Election of National Delegate. Election of National Alternate. Announcements.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reading Minutes of Morning Session. Exemplification of Ritual by entertaining Corps. Criticisms by District Inspector. Opening Question Box. Reports of Committees. Reading Minutes of Afternoon Session.

Adjournment.

Dinner.

LIZZIE W. BROWN,

MARY E. SWAIN,

Department Senior Vice-President.

Department President.

KATE SCOTT, Department Secretary.

OFFICE OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

GREENSBURG, Ind., November, 1901.

To the Patriotic Teachers of Indiana:

One of the chief objects of the Woman's Relief Corps is to "inculcate patriotism and love of country among our children and in the communities in which we live."

Truly realizing "The Common School is the Hope of our Country," and knowing that, in a great measure, its future welfare is entrusted to you in training the youth of our land, we appeal to you for your co-operation. We began the work of patriotic teaching in our public schools by introducing the "Flag Salute," followed by the "Patriotic Primer," "Declaration of Independence Charts" and "Flag Olios." Although in some communities we have met with many discouragements, on the whole, splendid results have been attained. But it is "The constant dripping which wears away stone," and as each year new teachers and new pupils enter our schools and thousands of foreigners land upon our shores whose foreign ideas of government are being promulgated throughout our land and doing much to lessen the hold our institutions have upon the minds of our youth, our work is only fairly begun.

There never was a time in the history of our country when patriotism was so popular as now. The Spanish-American war has aroused all the latent patriotism in the hearts of our people, both old and young. But the foul murder of President McKinley also forcibly reminds us there never was a time when it should be more strongly taught.

Not only should the children be taught to salute the flag, but to honor and revere the emblem of our liberty. We would urge a more thorough teaching of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence, more singing of patriotic songs, the proper observance of Flag Days with appropriate programs which need not be lengthy, but something, if only a reading or talk by the teacher to impress upon the mind of the child the significance of the day. By the display of the flag from the school house on these days it will not only be an education to the child but to the entire community as well.

We call attention to the "American Patriotic Salute" to our country's flag, and recommend that it be introduced into every school in Indiana. In the Woman's Relief Corps you have a strong ally who is watching with interest your work and trusting we may co-operate with each other.

I am fraternally yours,

ELIZA J. CRISLER,

Department Patriotic Instructor W. R. C.

November 2, 1901.

To the Teachers of Indiana, Greeting:

I wish to commend most heartily the work of the Woman's Relief Corps in relation to giving patriotic exercises in the schools. The teaching of patriotic selections, the observance of flag days in the opening exercises and the flag salute will be of great value in making good citizens of our pupils. It is certainly within the province of our school work to carry out the suggestions made by the Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Eliza J. Crisler, and I hope the teachers will comply readily.

Very truly,

FRANK L. JONES,

State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF
DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION, W. R. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER, No. 2.

GREENSBURG, IND., November, 1901.

To Patriotic Committees:

Fully realizing "The Common School is the hope of the country," and that to a great extent its future depends upon the teachers, as to them is entrusted much of the training of the youth of our land, we must appeal to them for their co-operation in this great work.

There never was a time in the history of our country when patriotism was so popular as now, and the foul murder of President McKinley also forcibly demonstrates there never was a time when it should be so thoroughly taught.

Corps Patriotic Committees are requested to visit the schools and explain our work and objects; let the teachers know we take a personal interest in their work and that in the Woman's Relief Corps they have a strong ally. The children should not only be taught to salute the flag, but to honor and revere the symbol of our liberty. There should be a more thorough teaching of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence, more singing of patriotic songs and the observance of Flag Days with appropriate programs, which need not be lengthy, but something, if only a reading or talk by the teacher, to impress upon the mind of the child the significance of the day. By displaying the flag from the school house on these days, not only will it be an education to the child, but to the entire community as well.

Much good can be accomplished in schools that have no flag by getting the children interested, and assist them in giving an entertainment to secure one. Corps are urged, as far as they are able, to furnish schools with Patriotic Primers, Declaration of Independence Charts or Flag Olios. I most earnestly request each Patriotic Committee to report to the Assistant Patriotic Instructor of her District in time for her to make a consolidated report to me. To our shame be it said, of the 180 Corps in the Department last year, but 88 reported. Indiana is the home of patriotic teaching, and there is no reason why we cannot send to the National Convention next year the "banner" report. Let no other Department surpass us in loyalty and devotion to the great precepts of our Order.

In F., C. and L.,

ELIZA J. CRISLER,

Department Patriotic Instructor.

Approved:

MARY E. SWAIN, Department President.

KATE SCOTT, Department Secretary.

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